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HOUSE BILL 98

Short Title: Crim. Offense/Vandalize Fire & EMS Equipment. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Dollar, Malone, Wray, and Clampitt (Primary Sponsors).  
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Referred to: Judiciary II

February 15, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF INJURING, DESTROYING,  
REMOVING, VANDALIZING, OR TAMPERING WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:  
FIREFIGHTING MACHINERY, FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT, AN AMBULANCE, A  
RESCUE SQUAD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES VEHICLE, OR EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES EQUIPMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 23 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 14-160.3. Injuring, destroying, removing, vandalizing, or tampering with firefighting or emergency medical services machinery or equipment.**

A person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor if the person injures, destroys, removes, vandalizes, or tampers with or otherwise interferes with the operation of any of the following with the intent to temporarily or permanently prevent their useful operation:

- (1) Any machinery, apparatus, or equipment used by a fire department or the North Carolina Forest Services for fighting fires, protecting property, or protecting human life.
- (2) Any ambulance as defined in G.S. 131E-155 or rescue squad emergency medical services vehicle or any equipment or apparatus used for emergency medical services as defined in G.S. 131E-155."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2017, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

