

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

**SESSION LAW 2009-508
SENATE BILL 990**

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR CUTTING, INJURING, OR
REMOVING ANOTHER'S TIMBER RESULTING IN DAMAGES THAT EXCEED
ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 14-135 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-135. Cutting, injuring, or removing another's timber.

(a) If any person not being the bona fide owner thereof, shall knowingly and willfully cut down, injure or remove any standing, growing or fallen tree or ~~log, log off~~ the property of another, ~~he~~ the person shall be ~~guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.~~ punished the same as in G.S. 14-72."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2009, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 6th day of August, 2009.

s/ Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
Governor

Approved 3:20 p.m. this 26th day of August, 2009

