



CHAPTER 14

ARTICLE 22 - DAMAGES AND OTHER OFFENSES TO LAND AND FIXTURES

N.C.G.S. § 14-149.

Desecrating, plowing over or covering up graves; desecrating human remains.

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§ 14-149(a)

CLASS I FELONY

It is a Class I felony, without authorization of law or the consent of the surviving spouse or next of kin of the deceased, to knowingly and willfully:

- (1) Open, disturb, destroy, remove, vandalize or desecrate any casket or other repository of any human remains, by any means including plowing under, tearing up, covering over or otherwise obliterating or removing any grave or any portion thereof.
- (2) Take away, disturb, vandalize, destroy, tamper with, or deface any tombstone, headstone, monument, grave marker, grave ornamentation, or grave artifacts erected or placed within any cemetery to designate the place where human remains are interred or to preserve and perpetuate the memory and the name of any person. This subdivision shall not apply to the ordinary maintenance and care of a cemetery.
- (3) Repealed by Session Laws 2007-122, s. 2, effective December 1, 2007, and applicable to offenses committed on or after that date.

§ 14-149(a1)

CLASS H FELONY

It is a Class H felony, without authorization of law or the consent of the surviving spouse or next of kin of the deceased, to knowingly and willfully disturb, destroy, remove, vandalize, or desecrate any human remains that have been interred in a cemetery.

§ 14-149(b)

The provisions of this section shall not apply to a professional archaeologist as defined in G.S. 70-28(4) acting pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 70 of the General Statutes.

END OF SECTION TEXT

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APPARATUS I

7 ACTS

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01	1889	c. 130			ENACTED		
02	Rev.	s. 3681			RECODIFIED		
03	1919	c. 218			AMENDED		
04	C.S.	s. 4321			RECODIFIED		
05	1981	c. 752, s. 2			AMENDED		
06	1981	c. 853, s. 5			AMENDED		
07	2007	S.L. 2007-122, s. 2			AMENDED		

APPARATUS II

1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 70-28(4)	(b)	"a professional archaeologist as defined in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-149 (2007).

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