



CHAPTER 14

ARTICLE 8 - ASSAULTS

N.C.G.S. § 14-32.2.

Patient abuse and neglect; punishments; definitions.

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General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2019-76, s. 12(a) — ninth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 04:02 UTC	a28779024a6d9243e5bc613d - 1f1276dedc26cd1afcdc4229 - 5b0b9735d2dbca04

§ 14-32.2(a) It is unlawful for any person to physically abuse a patient of a health care facility or a resident of a residential care facility, when the abuse results in death or bodily injury.

§ 14-32.2(b) Unless the conduct is prohibited by some other provision of law providing for greater punishment, a violation of subsection (a) of this section is the following:

CLASS C / E / F / H
FELONY

- (1) A Class C felony where intentional conduct proximately causes the death of the patient or resident.
- (2) A Class E felony where culpably negligent conduct proximately causes the death of the patient or resident.
- (3) A Class F felony where such conduct is willful or culpably negligent and proximately causes serious bodily injury to the patient or resident.
- (4) A Class H felony where such conduct evinces a pattern of conduct and the conduct is willful or culpably negligent and proximately causes bodily injury to a patient or resident.

§ 14-32.2(c) through (e1) Repealed by Session Laws 2019-76, s. 12(a), effective January 1, 2020, and applicable to offenses committed on or after that date.

§ 14-32.2(f) Any defense which may arise under G.S. 90-321(h) or G.S. 90-322(d) pursuant to compliance with Article 23 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is fully applicable to any prosecution initiated under this section.

03	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED
04	1995	c. 535, s. 1	AMENDED
05	1995	1995 (Reg. Sess., 1996), c. 742, ss. 7, 8	AMENDED
06	1999	S.L. 1999-334, s. 3.15	AMENDED
07	1999	S.L. 1999-456, s. 61(b)	AMENDED
08	2007	S.L. 2007-188, s. 1	AMENDED
09	2019	S.L. 2019-76, s. 12(a)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
2 AUTHORITIES

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. 90-321(h)	(f)	"Any defense which may arise under"
G.S. 90-322(d)	(f)	"may arise under G.S. 90-321(h) or"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-32.2 (2019).

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