



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 50 - PROTECTION OF LETTERS, TELEGRAMS, AND TELEPHONE MESSAGES

N.C.G.S. § 14-371.

Violating privacy of telegraphic messages;
failure to transmit and deliver same
promptly.

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If any person wrongfully obtains, or attempts to obtain, any knowledge of a telegraphic message by connivance with a clerk, operator, messenger, or other employee of a telegraph company, or, being such clerk, operator, messenger, or other employee, willfully divulges to any but the person for whom it was intended, the contents of a telegraphic message or dispatch intrusted to him for transmission or delivery, or the nature thereof, or willfully refuse or neglect duly to transmit or deliver the same, he shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

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5 ACTS

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01	1889	c. 41, s. 1	ENACTED		
02	Rev.	s. 3846	RECODIFIED		
03	C.S.	s. 4498	RECODIFIED		

04	1993	c. 539, s. 249	AMENDED
05	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

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