



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 52 - MISCELLANEOUS POLICE REGULATIONS

N.C.G.S. § 14-381.

Desecration of State and United States flag.

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It shall be unlawful for any person willfully and knowingly to cast contempt upon any flag of the United States or upon any flag of North Carolina by public acts of physical contact including, but not limited to, mutilation, defiling, defacing or trampling. Any person violating this section shall be deemed guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

The flag of the United States, as used in this section, shall be the same as defined in 4 U.S.C.A. 1 and 4 U.S.C.A. 2. The flag of North Carolina, as used in this section, shall be the same as defined in G.S. 144-1.

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APPARATUS I
5 ACTS

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01	1917	c. 271	ENACTED	
02	C.S.	s. 4500	RECODIFIED	
03	1971	c. 295	AMENDED	
04	1993	c. 539, s. 253	AMENDED	
05	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	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. 144-1		<i>"be the same as defined in"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-381 (1994).

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