



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 52 - MISCELLANEOUS POLICE REGULATIONS

N.C.G.S. § 14-401.16.

Contaminate food or drink to render one mentally incapacitated or physically helpless.

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- § 14-401.16(a)

It is unlawful knowingly to contaminate any food, drink, or other edible or potable substance with a controlled substance as defined in G.S. 90-87(5) that would render a person mentally incapacitated or physically helpless with the intent of causing another person to be mentally incapacitated or physically helpless.
- § 14-401.16(b)

It is unlawful knowingly to manufacture, sell, deliver, or possess with the intent to manufacture, sell, deliver, or possess a controlled substance as defined in G.S. 90-87(5) for the purpose of violating this section.
- § 14-401.16(c)

CLASS H / G FELONY

A violation of this section is a Class H felony. However, if a person violates this section with the intent of committing an offense under G.S. 14-27.22 or G.S. 14-27.27, the violation is a Class G felony.
- § 14-401.16(d)

This act does not apply if the controlled substance added to the food, drink, or other edible or potable substance is done at the direction of a licensed physician as part of a medical procedure or treatment with the patient's consent. (1997-501, s. 2; 2015-181, s. 39.)

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3 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. 90-87(5)	(a)	"a controlled substance as defined in"
G.S. 14-27.22	(c)	"intent of committing an offense under"
G.S. 14-27.27	(c)	"an offense under G.S. 14-27.22 or"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-401.16 (2026).

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