



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 59 - PUBLIC INTOXICATION

N.C.G.S. § 14-447.

No prosecution for public intoxication.

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§ 14-447(a) No person may be prosecuted solely for being intoxicated in a public place. A person who is intoxicated in a public place and is not disruptive may be assisted as provided in G.S. 122C-301.

§ 14-447(b) If, after arresting a person for being intoxicated and disruptive in a public place, the law-enforcement officer making the arrest determines that the person would benefit from the care of a shelter or health-care facility as provided by G.S. 122C-301, and that he would not likely be disruptive in such a facility, the officer may transport and release the person to the appropriate facility and issue him a citation for the offense of being intoxicated and disruptive in a public place. This authority to arrest and then issue a citation is granted as an exception to the requirements of G.S. 15A-501(2).

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APPARATUS I
3 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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01	1977	2nd Sess., c. 1134, s. 1	ENACTED

02	1981	c. 519, s. 2	AMENDED
03	1985	c. 589, s. 7	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. 122C-301	(a)	"may be assisted as provided in"
G.S. 15A-501(2)	(b)	"an exception to the requirements of"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-447 (1985).

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