



CHAPTER 15A
ARTICLE 83 - IMPRISONMENT

N.C.G.S. § 15A-1354.

Concurrent and consecutive terms of imprisonment.

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§ 15A-1354(a) Authority of Court. - When multiple sentences of imprisonment are imposed on a person at the same time or when a term of imprisonment is imposed on a person who is already subject to an undischarged term of imprisonment, including a term of imprisonment in another jurisdiction, the sentences may run either concurrently or consecutively, as determined by the court. The court shall make a finding on the record stating the reasoning for the determination of the court.

§ 15A-1354(b) Effect of Consecutive Terms. - In determining the effect of consecutive sentences imposed under authority of this Article and the manner in which they will be served, the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction must treat the defendant as though he has been committed for a single term with the following incidents:

CLASS E / I FELONY

- (1) The maximum prison sentence consists of the total of the maximum terms of the consecutive sentences, less 12 months for each of the second and subsequent sentences imposed for Class B through Class E felonies, or less 60 months for each second or subsequent Class B1 through E felony for which the sentence was established pursuant to G.S. 15A-1340.17(f), and less nine months for each of the second and subsequent sentences imposed for Class F through Class I felonies; and
- (2) The minimum term consists of the total of the minimum terms of the consecutive sentences.

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APPARATUS I

11 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1977	c. 711, s. 1	ENACTED
02	1979	c. 760, s. 4	AMENDED
03	1979	2nd Sess., c. 1316, s. 40	AMENDED
04	1985	c. 21	AMENDED
05	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 14, s. 23	AMENDED
06	2011	S.L. 2011-145, s. 19.1(h)	AMENDED
07	2011	S.L. 2011-192, s. 2(i)	AMENDED
08	2011	S.L. 2011-307, s. 3	AMENDED
09	2017	S.L. 2017-186, s. 2(sss)	AMENDED
10	2021	S.L. 2021-180, s. 19C.9(p)	AMENDED
11	2025	S.L. 2025-70, s. 19(a)	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. 15A-1340.17(f)	(b)(1)	"the sentence was established pursuant to"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-1354 (2025).

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