

## NC House Subcommittee Passes Death Penalty Change

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A NC House subcommittee voted in favor of a bill that would change the state's death penalty policy.

The Associated Press reports the legislation is designed to keep a murder suspect or death row prisoner with severe mental illness from facing capital punishment. Instead, the maximum penalty for convicted criminals suffering from a mental illness would be life in prison without parole.

The subcommittee passed with a 5-4 vote today and now heads to the House floor.