

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

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HOUSE BILL 1621

Short Title: Reclassify Statutory Rape. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Haire.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

June 12, 2002

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO RECLASSIFY STATUTORY RAPE OR SEXUAL OFFENSE OF A
3 PERSON WHO IS 13, 14, OR 15 YEARS OLD BY A DEFENDANT WHO IS
4 MORE THAN FOUR YEARS BUT LESS THAN SIX YEARS OLDER.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-27.7A(b) reads as rewritten:

7 "(b) A defendant is guilty of a Class ~~C~~F felony if the defendant engages in
8 vaginal intercourse or a sexual act with another person who is 13, 14, or 15 years old
9 and the defendant is more than four but less than six years older than the person, except
10 when the defendant is lawfully married to the person."

11 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2002, and applies to
12 offenses committed on or after that date.