

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1969 SESSION

CHAPTER 1045  
HOUSE BILL 1259

1 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE PUNISHMENT FOR EACH OFFENSE OF NON-SUPPORT OF  
2 WIFE, CHILD, AND PARENTS.

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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:  
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6 **Section 1.** G.S. 14-322 is hereby amended by deleting the semicolon following the  
7 word "misdemeanor" in line 5 thereof, and inserting the following: "and upon conviction for  
8 the first offense shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by  
9 imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the court; upon conviction  
10 of a second or subsequent offense he or she shall be punished by fine or by imprisonment not  
11 exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court;"

12 **Sec. 2.** G.S. 14-325 is hereby amended by deleting the period following the word  
13 "misdemeanor" in line 3 thereof and adding the following: "and upon conviction for the first  
14 offense shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by  
15 imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the court; upon a  
16 conviction of a second or subsequent offense he shall be punished by fine or by imprisonment  
17 not exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court."

18 **Sec. 3.** G.S. 14-326.1 is hereby amended by striking from line 7 thereof the  
19 following: "fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the court", and adding in lieu thereof:  
20 "punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment not  
21 exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the court; upon conviction of a second or  
22 subsequent offense he or she shall be punished by fine or by imprisonment not exceeding two  
23 years, or both, in the discretion of the court."

24 **Sec. 4.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

25 **Sec. 5.** This Act shall become effective upon its ratification.

26 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 26th day of June,  
27 1969.