

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1969 SESSION

CHAPTER 522
HOUSE BILL 474

1 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAWS RELATING TO LARCENY.

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3 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:
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5 **Section 1.** G.S. 14-70 is rewritten to read as follows: "G.S. 14-70 Distinctions
6 between grand and petit larceny abolished; punishment; accessories to larceny. All distinctions
7 between petit and grand larceny are abolished. Unless otherwise provided by statute, larceny is
8 a felony punishable under G.S. 14-2 and is subject to the same rules of criminal procedure and
9 principles of law as to accessories before and after the fact as other felonies."

10 **Sec. 2.** G.S. 14-72 is rewritten to read as follows: "G.S. 14-72 Larceny of property,
11 or the receiving of stolen goods, not exceeding two hundred dollars in value. (a) Except as
12 provided in subsections (b) and (c) below, the larceny of property, or the receiving of stolen
13 goods knowing them to be stolen, of the value of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00)
14 is a misdemeanor punishable under G.S. 14-3(a). In all cases of doubt the jury shall, in the
15 verdict, fix the value of the property stolen.

16 (b) The crime of larceny is a felony, without regard to the value of the property in
17 question, if the larceny is:

- 18 (1) From the person; or
19 (2) Committed pursuant to a violation of G.S. 14-51, 14-53, 14-54 or 14-57; or
20 (3) Of any explosive or incendiary device or substance. As used in this Section,
21 the phrase 'explosive or incendiary device or substance' shall include any
22 explosive or incendiary grenade or bomb; any dynamite, blasting powder,
23 nitroglycerine, TNT, or other high explosive; or any device, ingredient for
24 such device, or type or quantity of substance primarily useful for large scale
25 destruction of property by explosive or incendiary action or lethal injury to
26 persons by explosive or incendiary action. This definition shall not include
27 fireworks; any weapon, gunpowder, ammunition, or other device or
28 substance primarily useful in hunting or sport; any antique or souvenir
29 weapon or ammunition; or any form, type, or quantity of gasoline, butane
30 gas, natural gas, or any other substance having explosive or incendiary
31 properties but serving a legitimate nondestructive or nonlethal use in the
32 form, type, or quantity stolen."

33 "(c) The crime of receiving stolen goods knowing them to be stolen in the circumstances
34 described in subsection (b) is a felony, without regard to the value of the property in question."

35 **Sec. 3.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

36 **Sec. 4.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

37 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 19th day of May,

38 1969.