

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 102  
HOUSE BILL 158

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 35 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO ALLOW THE PARENT OF A MENTALLY ILL OR MENTALLY RETARDED PERSON TO PETITION THE COURT FOR THE STERILIZATION OPERATION OF THE MENTALLY ILL OR MENTALLY RETARDED PERSON.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 35-36 is amended by adding the following phrase at the beginning of the first sentence:

"The parent or guardian of a mentally ill or mentally retarded person, or".

**Sec. 2.** G.S. 35-36 is further amended by deleting in the first sentence the words "supported wholly or in part" and by substituting the word "operated".

**Sec. 3.** G.S. 35-37 is amended by adding the following phrase at the beginning of the first sentence:

"The parent or guardian of a mentally ill or mentally retarded person, or".

**Sec. 4.** G.S. 35-39(4) is repealed.

**Sec. 5.** This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 17th day of March, 1981.