

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1985 SESSION

CHAPTER 223
SENATE BILL 123

AN ACT TO CONTINUE THE NORTH CAROLINA MARITAL AND FAMILY
THERAPY CERTIFICATION ACT AND THE NORTH CAROLINA MARITAL
AND FAMILY THERAPY CERTIFICATION BOARD AND CHANGE THE
PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 4 of Chapter 697 of the 1979 Session Laws (First Session 1979) is hereby amended by deleting the words: "and shall expire October 1, 1985" so that the section as amended will read:

"Sec. 4. This act shall become effective October 1, 1979."

Sec. 1.1. G.S. 90-270.61 is amended by deleting "shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the first offense and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each subsequent offense", and substituting "has committed an infraction, which is punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). An infraction is an unlawful act that is not a crime. The procedure for charging and trying an infraction is the same as for a misdemeanor, but conviction of an infraction has no consequence other than payment of a fine."

Sec. 1.2. Section 1.1 of this act applies only to acts committed on or after October 1, 1985.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 23rd day of May, 1985.