

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

**SESSION LAW 2010-14  
SENATE BILL 59**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY AN ORDER FOR THE PAYMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES IN  
ACTIONS FOR ALIMONY OR POSTSEPARATION SUPPORT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 50-16.4 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 50-16.4. Counsel fees in actions for alimony, postseparation support.**

At any time that a dependent spouse would be entitled to alimony pursuant to G.S. 50-16.3A, or postseparation support pursuant to G.S. 50-16.2A, the court may, upon application of such spouse, enter an order for reasonable counsel fees ~~for the benefit of such spouse, fees,~~ to be paid and secured by the supporting spouse in the same manner as alimony."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2010, and applies to fees for services rendered on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

s/ Walter H. Dalton  
President of the Senate

s/ William L. Wainwright  
Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
Governor

Approved 1:35 p.m. this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2010

