

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

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HOUSE BILL 243

Short Title: Reclassify Statutory Rape/Sex Offense.-AB

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Haire.

Referred to: Judiciary IV.

March 6, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO RECLASSIFY STATUTORY RAPE OR SEXUAL OFFENSE OF A
3 PERSON WHO IS THIRTEEN, FOURTEEN, OR FIFTEEN YEARS OLD BY A
4 DEFENDANT WHO IS MORE THAN FOUR YEARS BUT LESS THAN SIX
5 YEARS OLDER.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-27.7A(b) reads as rewritten:

8 "(b) A defendant is guilty of a Class ~~C~~F felony if the defendant engages in
9 vaginal intercourse or a sexual act with another person who is 13, 14, or 15 years old
10 and the defendant is more than four but less than six years older than the person, except
11 when the defendant is lawfully married to the person."

12 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2003, and applies to
13 offenses committed on or after that date.