

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 1999

SESSION LAW 1999-79  
HOUSE BILL 818

AN ACT AMENDING THE EVIDENCE CODE, CHAPTER 8C OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, TO MAKE ADMISSIBLE FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPEACHMENT EVIDENCE OF A WITNESS' CONVICTION OF A FELONY OR CLASS A1, CLASS 1, OR CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 8C-1, Rule 609(a) of the Evidence Code, reads as rewritten:

"(a) General rule. – For the purpose of attacking the credibility of a witness, evidence that ~~he~~ the witness has been convicted of a ~~crime punishable by more than 60 days confinement~~ felony, or of a Class A1, Class 1, or Class 2 misdemeanor, shall be admitted if elicited from ~~him~~ the witness or established by public record during cross-examination or thereafter."

Section 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1999; and, consistent with G.S. 8C-1, Rule 1101(a), shall apply to all actions and proceedings in the courts of this State.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13th day of May, 1999.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.  
Governor

Approved 3:57 p.m. this 21st day of May, 1999