

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 818

Short Title: Rule 609 Impeachment Evidence.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hensley; and Blue.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

April 1, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT AMENDING THE EVIDENCE CODE, CHAPTER 8C OF THE GENERAL
2 STATUTES, TO MAKE ADMISSIBLE FOR THE PURPOSES OF
3 IMPEACHMENT EVIDENCE OF A WITNESS' CONVICTION OF A FELONY
4 OR CLASS A1, CLASS 1, OR CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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