



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 26 - OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC MORALITY AND DECENTY

N.C.G.S. § 14-178.

Incest.

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§ 14-178(a) Offense. - A person commits the offense of incest if the person engages in carnal intercourse with the person's (i) grandparent or grandchild, (ii) parent or child or stepchild or legally adopted child, (iii) brother or sister of the half or whole blood, or (iv) uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.

§ 14-178(b) Punishment and Sentencing. -

CLASS B1 / C / F
FELONY

- (1) A person is guilty of a Class B1 felony if either of the following occurs:
- a.The person commits incest against a child under the age of 13 and the person is at least 12 years old and is at least four years older than the child when the incest occurred.
- b.The person commits incest against a child who is 13, 14, or 15 years old and the person is at least six years older than the child when the incest occurred.
- (2) A person is guilty of a Class C felony if the person commits incest against a child who is 13, 14, or 15 and the person is more than four but less than six years older than the child when the incest occurred.
- (3) In all other cases of incest, the parties are guilty of a Class F felony.

§ 14-178(c) No Liability for Children Under 16. - No child under the age of 16 is liable under this section if the other person is at least four years older when the incest occurred.

APPARATUS I
13 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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01	1879	c. 16, s. 1	ENACTED
02	1879	Code, s. 1060	AMENDED
03	Rev.	s. 3351	RECODIFIED
04	1911	c. 16	AMENDED
05	C.S.	s. 4337	RECODIFIED
06	1965	c. 132	AMENDED
07	1979	c. 760, s. 5	AMENDED
08	1979	2nd Sess., c. 1316, s. 47	AMENDED
09	1981	c. 63, s. 1	AMENDED
10	1981	c. 179, s. 14	AMENDED
11	1993	c. 539, s. 1192	AMENDED
12	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED
13	2002	S.L. 2002-119, s. 1	AMENDED

APPARATUS III

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