



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 27 - PROSTITUTION

N.C.G.S. § 14-205.2.

Patronizing a prostitute.

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§ 14-205.2(a) Any person who willfully performs any of the following acts with a person not his or her spouse commits the offense of patronizing a prostitute:

- (1) Engages in vaginal intercourse, any sexual act as defined in G.S. 14-27.20, or any sexual contact as defined in G.S. 14-27.20, for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification with a prostitute.
- (2) Enters or remains in a place of prostitution with intent to engage in vaginal intercourse, any sexual act as defined in G.S. 14-27.20, or any sexual contact as defined in G.S. 14-27.20, for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification.

§ 14-205.2(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, a first violation of this section is a Class A1 misdemeanor. Unless a higher penalty applies, a second or subsequent violation of this section is a Class G felony.

§ 14-205.2(c) A violation of this section is a Class F felony if the defendant is 18 years of age or older and the prostitute is a minor.

§ 14-205.2(d) A violation of this section is a Class D felony if the prostitute has a severe or profound mental disability. (2013-368, s. 5; 2015-181, s. 18; 2018-47, s. 4(f).)

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1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

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REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 14-27.20	(a)(1)	<i>"any sexual act as defined in"</i>

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Citation

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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-205.2 (2026).

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