

SENATE BILL 311: Register of Deeds/Filing False Marriage Documents

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SUMMARY: S.L. 2015-53 adds a new provision to the law governing the duties of registers of deeds in connection with the registration of certain documents purporting to impact official marriage records, to require the register of deeds to mark the first page of the document with a statement that the document is not an official marriage document.

This act became effective June 4, 2015.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Session Law 2015-53 adds a new section to Article 2 of G.S. Chapter 161 requiring the register of deeds to mark the first page of the document or instrument with the following statement:

"THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT AN OFFICIAL MARRIAGE DOCUMENT."

prior to recording a document if it purports to impact an official marriage record but is not a marriage license, a return, or an amendment or correction of a marriage license as prescribed under Article 2 of Chapter 51 of the General Statutes. This requirement does not apply to the documents or instruments specified in subsection (b) of the act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective when the Governor signed it into law on June 4, 2015.

