



# SENATE BILL 311: Register of Deeds/Filing False Marriage Docs

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**SUMMARY:** *Senate Bill 311 would add 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, requiring the register of deeds to mark the first page of the document with a statement that the document is not an official marriage document.*

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

Senate Bill 311 would add 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 would not apply to the documents or instruments specified in subsection (b) of the bill.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law.

