

April 3, 2001

H 955. NOTARY VALIDATION. TO VALIDATE CERTAIN NOTARIAL ACTS. Amends GS 10A-16 to make section (which validates certain notarial acts) effective as to notarial acts performed on or before April 1, 2001 (currently effective as to notarial acts performed on or before Feb. 28, 1999).

Intro. by Arnold.

Ref. to Judiciary III	GS 10A
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September 18, 2001

H 955. NOTARY VALIDATION. Intro. 4/3/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes title of bill to *AN ACT TO PREVENT THE MISREPRESENTATION OF THE AUTHORITY OF A NOTARY PUBLIC*. Deletes all provisions of original bill. Amends GS 10A-4(c) by adding that Sec'y of State may deny application for commission or recommission as a notary public if applicant knowingly uses false or misleading advertising to represent that applicant has authority not authorized by law or applicant is found by a court to have engaged in unauthorized practice of law. Amends GS 10A-9 to impose limits on notary public who is not a licensed attorney in NC: (1) notary may not engage in unauthorized practice of law, (2) notary must include statement that notary is not an attorney in advertising , (3) notary must not represent self as "immigration consultant" or expert in immigration matters unless conditions specified in bill are met, (4) notary must post fees at place of business. Requires that literal translation into a language other than English of "notary" and "notary public" may not be designed to misrepresent notary public's authority. Amends GS 10A-12 by authorizing Sec'y of State to seek injunctive relief against notary public who violates GS 10A. Makes it a deceptive trade practice under GS 75.1.1 for notary public who is not an attorney to engage in unauthorized practice of law or represent that notary is "immigration consultant" or expert on immigration matters. Authorizes Dep't of Sec'y of State to study Notary Public Act and recommend changes. Effective Jan. 1, 2002, and applies to acts committed on or after that date.

September 25, 2001

H 955. NOTARY VALIDATION. Intro. 4/3/01. Senate amendment changes 2nd edition by deleting paragraph (1) prohibiting the "literal translation" of the words "notary" and "notary public" into a language other than English so as to misrepresent the authority of a notary public and (2) defining "literal translation."

October 22, 2001

SL 2001-450 (H 955). NOTARY AUTHORITY MISREPRESENTATION. AN ACT TO PREVENT THE MISREPRESENTATION OF THE AUTHORITY OF A NOTARY PUBLIC. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 9/18/01 and 9/25/01. Enacted Oct. 20, 2001. Effective Jan. 1, 2002.