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Short Title: Register of Deeds/Filing False Marriage Docs. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Bingham (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF MARRIAGE RECORDS PRESENTED FOR  
3 REGISTRATION.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Article 2 of Chapter 161 of the General Statutes is amended by  
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 161-14.03. Registration of documents purporting to impact official marriage records.**

8 (a) Prior to recording a document or instrument that (i) purports to impact an official  
9 record of marriage meeting the requirements of G.S. 51-16 and (ii) is not a marriage license, a  
10 return, or an amendment or correction of a marriage license as described in Article 2 of Chapter  
11 51 of the General Statutes, the register of deeds shall conspicuously mark the first page of the  
12 document or instrument with the following statement:

13 "THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT AN OFFICIAL MARRIAGE DOCUMENT."

14 (b) This section shall not apply to instruments or documents that are attached as  
15 exhibits to land records, orders or judgments issued by a court of this State or another state, or  
16 separation agreements presented for registration."

17 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

