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SENATE BILL 311

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

Sponsors: Senators Bingham (Primary Sponsor); and J. Davis.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 18, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF MARRIAGE RECORDS PRESENTED FOR
REGISTRATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

"THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT AN OFFICIAL MARRIAGE DOCUMENT."

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

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

