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HOUSE BILL 1070

Short Title: Marriage License Change.

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Sponsors: Representative Alexander.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES CONCERNING
THE ISSUANCE OF A MARRIAGE LICENSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 51-8 reads as rewritten:

"§ 51-8. License issued by register of deeds.

Every register of deeds shall, upon proper application, issue a license for the marriage of any two persons if it appears that ~~such these persons are authorized to~~ may be married in accordance with the laws of this State. In making a determination as to whether or not the parties ~~are authorized to~~ may be married under the laws of this State, the register of deeds may require the applicants for the license to marry to present certified copies of birth certificates ~~or birth registration cards provided for in G.S. 130-73, or such or any~~ other evidence ~~as~~ the register of deeds deems necessary to ~~such this~~ determination. The register of deeds may administer an oath to any person presenting evidence relating to whether or not parties applying for a marriage license are eligible to be married pursuant to the laws of this State. Each applicant for a marriage license shall provide on the application the applicant's social security number. If the applicant does not have a social security number and is ineligible to obtain one, the applicant shall present a statement to that effect, sworn to or affirmed before a notary public. Upon presentation of such a statement, the register of deeds shall issue the license, provided all other requirements are

1 met, and shall retain the statement with the register's copy of the license. The register of
2 deeds shall not issue a marriage license unless all of the requirements of this section have
3 been met.”

4 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.