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HOUSE BILL 973  
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Short Title: Marriage License Change/Study.

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April 12, 1999

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES CONCERNING  
3 THE ISSUANCE OF A MARRIAGE LICENSE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

6 "**§ 51-8. License issued by register of deeds.**

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

1 presentation of such a statement, the register of deeds shall issue the license, provided all  
2 other requirements are met, and shall retain the statement with the register's copy of the  
3 license. The register of deeds shall not issue a marriage license unless all of the  
4 requirements of this section have been met."

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