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Short Title: DOB Redaction Requests For Public Documents.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW REGISTERS OF DEEDS AND CLERKS OF COURT TO REDACT
3 CERTAIN IDENTIFYING INFORMATION FROM CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS TO
4 PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM IDENTITY THEFT.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 132-1.10(f) reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 132-1.10. Social security numbers and other personal identifying information.

8 ...
9 (f) Any person has the right to request that a register of deeds or clerk of court remove,
10 from an image or copy of an official record placed on a register of deeds' or court's Internet
11 Website available to the general public or an Internet Web site available to the general public
12 used by a register of deeds or court to display public records by the register of deeds or clerk of
13 court, the person's ~~social security, employer taxpayer identification, drivers license, state
14 identification, passport, checking account, savings account, credit card, or debit card number,
15 or personal identification (PIN) code or passwords contained in that official record.~~ personal
16 identifying information as described in this subsection. The request must be made in writing,
17 legibly signed by the requester, and delivered by mail, facsimile, or electronic transmission, or
18 delivered in person to the register of deeds or clerk of court. The request must specify the
19 personal information to be redacted, information that identifies the document that contains the
20 personal information and unique information that identifies the location within the document
21 that contains the ~~social security, employer taxpayer identification, drivers license, state
22 identification, passport, checking account, savings account, credit card, or debit card number,
23 or personal identification (PIN) code or passwords~~ personal identifying information, as
24 described in this subsection, to be redacted. The request for redaction shall be considered a
25 public record with access restricted to the register of deeds, the clerk of court, their staff, or
26 upon order of the court. The register of deeds or clerk of court shall have no duty to inquire
27 beyond the written request to verify the identity of a person requesting redaction and shall have
28 no duty to remove redaction for any reason upon subsequent request by an individual or by
29 order of the court, if impossible to do so. No fee will be charged for the redaction pursuant to
30 such request. Any person who requests a redaction without proper authority to do so shall be
31 guilty of an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for
32 each violation. Except as prohibited by some other provision of law:

33 (1) The register of deeds or clerk of court shall, upon receipt of a request made
34 pursuant to this subsection, comply with the request for redaction for the
35 following personal information displayed in a manner described in this
36 subsection:



- 1 a. Social Security number.
- 2 b. Employer taxpayer identification number.
- 3 c. Drivers license number.
- 4 d. State identification number.
- 5 e. Passport number.
- 6 f. Checking or savings account number.
- 7 g. Credit or debit card number.
- 8 h. Personal identification (PIN) code or passwords.
- 9 (2) Upon receipt of a request made pursuant to this subsection, the register of
- 10 deeds may comply with the request for redaction of all, or a portion of, the
- 11 requestor's date of birth from any land records displayed in a manner
- 12 described in this subsection."
- 13 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.