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SENATE BILL 1529

Short Title: Register of Deeds Fee Adjustments.

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Sponsors: Senator Dalton.

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Referred to: Finance.

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May 30, 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ADJUST AND ADD FEES CHARGED BY THE REGISTER OF DEEDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 47-21 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 47-21. Blank or master forms of mortgages, etc.; embodiment by reference in instruments later filed.**

It shall be lawful for any person, firm or corporation to have a blank or master form of mortgage, deed of trust, or other instrument conveying an interest in, or creating a lien on, real and/or personal property, filed, indexed and recorded in the office of the register of deeds. When any ~~such~~ blank or master form is filed with the register of deeds, ~~he~~ the register of deeds shall record ~~the same, and shall index the same and index it~~ in the manner now provided by law for the indexing of instruments recorded in his office, except that the name of the person, firm or corporation whose name appears on ~~such~~ the blank or master form shall be inserted in the indices as grantor and also as grantee. The fee for filing, recording and indexing ~~such a~~ blank or master form shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first page, which page shall not exceed 8 1/2 inches by 14 inches, plus two dollars (\$2.00) for each additional page or fraction thereof. A page exceeding 8 1/2 inches by 14 inches shall be considered two pages.

When any deed, mortgage, deed of trust, or other instrument conveying an interest in, or creating a lien on, real and/or personal property, refers to the provisions, terms,

1 covenants, conditions, obligations, or powers set forth in any ~~such~~ blank or master form  
2 recorded as ~~herein authorized,~~ authorized by this section, and states the office of  
3 recordation of ~~such~~ the blank or master form, book and page where ~~same it is recorded~~  
4 ~~such~~ recorded, that reference shall be equivalent to setting forth in extenso in ~~such~~ the  
5 deed, mortgage, deed of trust, or other instrument conveying an interest in, or creating a  
6 lien on, real and/or personal property, the provisions, terms, covenants, conditions,  
7 obligations and powers set forth in ~~such~~ the blank or master form. Provided this section  
8 shall not apply to Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Beaufort, Bladen, Camden, Carteret, Chowan,  
9 Cleveland, Columbus, Dare, Gates, Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Iredell, Jackson, Martin,  
10 Moore, Perquimans, Sampson, Stanly, Swain, Transylvania, Vance, Washington and  
11 Watauga Counties."

12 Section 2. G.S. 161-10(a) reads as rewritten:

13 "(a) Except as provided in G.S. 161-11.1 or 161-11.2, all fees collected under this  
14 section shall be deposited into the county general fund. ~~In the performance of his duties,~~  
15 While performing the duties of the office, the register of deeds shall collect the following  
16 fees which shall be uniform throughout the State:

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18 (8a) Vital Records Network. – For obtaining access to the Vital Records  
19 Computer Network two dollars (\$2.00).

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21 (19) Miscellaneous Services. – For performing miscellaneous services such  
22 as faxing documents, providing laminated copies of documents,  
23 expedited delivery of documents, and similar services, the cost of the  
24 service."

25 Section 3. This act becomes effective October 1, 2000.