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HOUSE BILL 1627

Short Title: Filed DD 214 Removal-Nash County.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Arnold; and Tolson.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

June 12, 2002

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PERMIT THE REMOVAL OF FILED DD FORM 214 OR FOR THE REDACTING OF THE FORM WHEN A COPY IS REQUESTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN THE FILER OR A MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY IN NASH COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 47 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 47-113.1. Removal or review of discharge papers from files of the register of deeds.**

(a) Any veteran of the United States armed forces or his or her widow or widower, attorney, personal representative, executor, or court-appointed guardian may request that the register of deeds remove from the official records any of the following forms recorded before, on, or after the effective date of this act, by or on behalf of the requesting veteran: DD-214, DD-215, WD AGO 53, WD AGO 55, WD AGO 53-55, NAVMC 78-PD, and NAVPERS 553. The request shall specify the identification page number of the form to be removed. The request shall be made in person and with appropriate identification to allow determination of the identity of the requester. The register of deeds has no duty to inquire beyond the request to verify the identity of the person requesting the removal. No fee shall be charged for the removal. When the request for removal is made, the register of deeds shall provide a written notice to the requesting party that the removal of the document from the official records is permanent and no further record of the document will exist in the official records of the county.

(b) If any person, other than those listed in subsection (a) of this section authorized to request the removal of the discharge documents listed in subsection (a) of this section requests a certified copy of the document, the register of deeds shall redact the personal information on the discharge document before certifying the document. Personal information shall include the social security number of the veteran. The certification shall indicate the nature of the personal information that was redacted. A

1 request for a certified copy from a person listed in subsection (a) of this section shall be  
2 made in person so that the register of deeds may verify the identity of the requester. All  
3 documents sent in response to requests for certified copies of discharge documents not  
4 made in person shall have personal information redacted."

5 **SECTION 2.** This act applies to Nash County only.

6 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.