

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

**SESSION LAW 2003-60
HOUSE BILL 475**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTE PERTAINING TO REGISTRATION OF
BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 130A-97 reads as rewritten:

"§ 130A-97. Duties of local registrars.

The local registrar shall:

- (1) Administer and enforce provisions of this Article and the rules, and immediately report any violation to the State Registrar;
- (2) Furnish certificate forms and instructions supplied by the State Registrar to persons who require them;
- (3) Examine each certificate when submitted to determine if it has been completed in accordance with the provisions of this Article and the rules. If a certificate is incomplete or unsatisfactory, the responsible person shall be notified and required to furnish the necessary information. All birth and death certificates shall be typed or written legibly in permanent ~~black or blue-black ink~~; black, blue-black, or blue ink;
- (4) Enter the date on which a certificate is received and sign as local registrar;
- (5) Transmit to the register of deeds of the county a copy of each certificate registered within seven days of receipt of a birth or death certificate. The copy transmitted shall include the race of the father and mother if that information is contained on the State copy of the certificate of live birth. Copies transmitted may be on blanks furnished by the State Registrar or may be photocopies made in a manner approved by the register of deeds. The local registrar may also keep a copy of each certificate for no more than two years;
- (6) On the fifth day of each month or more often, if requested, send to the State Registrar all original certificates registered during the preceding month; and
- (7) Maintain records, make reports and perform other duties required by the State Registrar."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15th day of
May, 2003.

s/ Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Richard T. Morgan
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 5:44 p.m. this 20th day of May, 2003