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Short Title: Register of Deeds Insurance.

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Sponsors: Representatives Redwine; Bowman and Warner.

Referred to: Commerce.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT TO THE EXTENT A COUNTY PROVIDES
LIABILITY INSURANCE TO COUNTY OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES IT
SHALL PROVIDE LIABILITY INSURANCE TO THE REGISTER OF DEEDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 161 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
section to read:

"§ 161-4.2. Liability insurance for register of deeds.

(a) To the same extent that the county provides insurance to other county officers
or employees, pursuant to G.S. 153A-97 and 160A-167, or 58-32-10, the county shall
provide insurance to the register of deeds. If the county does not provide insurance to
any officers or employees, then the county shall notify the register of deeds, in writing,
prior to the first Monday in December of each year, of its intent not to provide insurance
coverage to the register of deeds. This required notification shall be in the form of a
letter signed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners, attested by the
clerk of the board of county commissioners. If the county fails to provide the required
notice, then the county shall be liable for damages that would have been paid had the
county purchased the insurance pursuant to the General Statutes sections cited above."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.