## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1995 SESSION

## CHAPTER 588 SENATE BILL 1487

## AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MARRIAGES RECOGNIZED OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE BETWEEN PERSONS OF THE SAME GENDER ARE NOT VALID.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 51 of the General Statutes is amended by adding the following new section to read:

## "§ 51-1.2. Marriages between persons of the same gender not valid.

Marriages, whether created by common law, contracted, or performed outside of North Carolina, between individuals of the same gender are not valid in North Carolina."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 20th day of June, 1996.

Dennis A. Wicker President of the Senate

Harold J. Brubaker Speaker of the House of Representatives