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## SENATE BILL 514\*

## House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/15/11 PROPOSED HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE S514-CSRCx-51 [v.1]

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S	Short Title: Defense of Marriage. (Public
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A	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  N ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT MARRIAGE
T	BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN IS THE ONLY DOMESTIC LEGAL UNION THAT SHALL BE VALID OR RECOGNIZED IN THIS STATE. he General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
th	SECTION 1. Article 14 of the North Carolina Constitution is amended by adding the following new section:
Vē	Sec. 6. Marriage.  Marriage between one man and one woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be alid or recognized in this State. This section does not prohibit a private party from entering to contracts with another private party; nor does this section prohibit courts from adjudicating
th th	e rights of private parties pursuant to such contracts."  SECTION 2. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to e qualified voters of the State at a statewide election to be held on the date of the first primary
in Ba	2012, which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. allots, voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General atutes. The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:
4444	"[] FOR [] AGAINST  Constitutional amendment to provide that marriage between one man and one
	oman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this State."  SECTION 3. If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the nendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the
an.	nendment to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment so rtified among the permanent records of that office.
	SECTION 4. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act is effective upon rtification.

SECTION 5. This act is effective when it becomes law.

