

**10A NCAC 41H .0504 NO DEATH CERTIFICATE FOR MISSING PERSONS**

No death certificate shall be filed nor shall any death certificate be accepted for filing by a local registrar or the State Registrar unless there is a body or some remains such as ashes or decomposed organic substance determined to be human. Deaths in which bodies are lost in lakes, rivers, and oceans may not be registered until and unless the body is recovered.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 130A-92(7);  
Eff. February 1, 1976;  
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Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December 22, 2018.*