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5 On page 1, beginning on line 18, after "respondent." strike the  
6 remainder of subsection (1) through page 2, line 14, and insert "A  
7 licensee must be notified upon receipt of a complaint, except when the  
8 notification would impede an effective investigation. At the earliest  
9 point of time the licensee must be allowed to submit a written  
10 statement about that complaint, which statement must be included in the  
11 file. Complaints filed after the effective date of this act are exempt  
12 from public disclosure under chapter 42.17 RCW until the complaint has  
13 been initially assessed and determined to warrant an investigation by  
14 the disciplining authority. Complaints determined not to warrant an  
15 investigation by the disciplining authority are no longer considered  
16 complaints, but must remain in the records and tracking system of the  
17 department. Information about complaints that did not warrant an  
18 investigation, including the existence of the complaint, may be  
19 released only upon receipt of a written public disclosure request.  
20 Complaints determined to warrant no cause for action after  
21 investigation are subject to public disclosure, must include an  
22 explanation of the determination to close the complaint, and must  
23 remain in the records and tracking system of the department."

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