SENATE BILL 5451

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1   AN ACT Relating to domestic relations; and amending RCW 26.04.160.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3   **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.04.160 and 1993 c 451 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:
5   (1) Application for a marriage license must be made and filed with
6 the appropriate county auditor upon blanks to be provided by the county
7 auditor for that purpose((, which)). The application shall be under
8 the oath of each of the applicants, and each application shall state
9 the name, address at the time of execution of application, age,
10 birthplace, whether single, widowed or divorced, ((and)) whether under
11 control of a guardian, residence during the past six months((÷
12 PROVIDED, That)), and shall contain the following statement:

13   "The laws of this state affirm your right to enter into this
14   marriage and at the same time to live within the marriage free
15   from violence and abuse. Neither you nor your spouse is the
16   property of the other. The laws against physical abuse,
17   emotional or psychological abuse, sexual abuse, battery, and
18   assault, as well as other provisions of the criminal laws of

1   <u>this state, are applicable to spouses and other family members,</u>
2   <u>and violations of these laws are punishable by either fine or</u>
3   <u>imprisonment, or both.</u>"

4   <u>Each</u> county may require ((such)) other ((and further)) information
5   on ((said)) <u>the</u> application as it ((shall)) deem<u>s</u> necessary.
6   (2) The county legislative authority may impose an additional fee
7   up to fifteen dollars on a marriage license for the purpose of funding
8   family services such as family support centers.

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