
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5461

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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Thibaudeau, Eide, Sheahan, Brandland, Parlette, Kohl-Welles and Winsley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to disclosure of client information by mental
2 health counselors, marriage and family therapists, and social workers;
3 and adding a new section to chapter 18.225 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.225 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 A person licensed under this chapter shall not disclose the written
8 acknowledgment of the disclosure statement pursuant to RCW 18.225.100,
9 nor any information acquired from persons consulting the individual in
10 a professional capacity when the information was necessary to enable
11 the individual to render professional services to those persons except:

12 (1) With the written authorization of that person or, in the case
13 of death or disability, the person's personal representative;

14 (2) If the person waives the privilege by bringing charges against
15 the person licensed under this chapter;

16 (3) In response to a subpoena from the secretary. The secretary
17 may subpoena only records related to a complaint or report under RCW
18 18.130.050; or

1 (4) As mandatory reporting under chapter 26.44 or 74.34 RCW or RCW
2 71.05.250, or as permissive disclosure under RCW 70.02.050.

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