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SENATE BILL 5772

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By Senators Gardner, T. Sheldon, Rasmussen, Swecker, Prentice, Costa, McCaslin, Wojahn, Spanel, Goings and Oke; by request of Secretary of State

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to confidentiality of records of participants in
- 2 programs for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault; amending
- 3 RCW 40.24.070; and declaring an emergency.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 40.24.070 and 1998 c 138 s 3 are each amended to read 6 as follows:
- 7 The secretary of state may not make any records in a program
- 8 participant's file available for inspection or copying, other than the
- 9 address designated by the secretary of state, except under the
- 10 following circumstances:
- 11 (1) If requested by a law enforcement agency, to the law
- 12 enforcement agency;
- 13 (2) If directed by a court order, to a person identified in the
- 14 order; or
- 15 (3) ((If certification has been canceled; or
- (4)) To verify the participation of a specific program
- 17 participant, in which case the secretary may only confirm information
- 18 supplied by the requester.

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- 1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
- 3 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect

4 immediately.

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