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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Pflug, Skinner, Schual-Berke, Dickerson and Edwards)

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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;

1 (4) As required under chapter 26.44 or 74.34 RCW or RCW 71.05.250;
2 or

3 (5) To any individual if the person licensed under this chapter
4 reasonably believes that disclosure will avoid or minimize an imminent
5 danger to the health or safety of the individual or any other
6 individual; however, there is no obligation on the part of the provider
7 to so disclose.

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