

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 739**

Short Title: Psych. Assoc./Clinical Social Worker Privilege. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Carter; Garrou, Hagan, Lee, Metcalf, and Robinson.

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Referred to: Judiciary I.

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April 2, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO EXTENT PRIVILEGE COMMUNICATIONS PROTECTION IN  
3 DOMESTIC ACTIONS TO LICENSED PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES AND  
4 LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 8-53.6 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 8-53.6. No disclosure in alimony and divorce actions.**

8 In an action pursuant to G.S. 50-5, 50-6, 50-7, 50-16.2 and 50-16.3 if either or both  
9 of the parties have sought and obtained marital counseling by a licensed physician,  
10 licensed psychologist, licensed psychological associate, licensed clinical social worker,  
11 or certified marital family therapist, the person or persons rendering such counseling  
12 shall not be competent to testify in the action concerning information acquired while  
13 rendering such counseling."

14 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2001, and applies to  
15 information acquired on or after that date.