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SENATE BILL 739
Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 4/9/01

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

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 2, 2001

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO EXTEND PRIVILEGED 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~~, 50-5.1, 50-6, 50-7, ~~50-16.2~~ 50-16.2A and ~~50-16.3~~
9 50-16.3A if either or both of the parties have sought and obtained marital counseling by
10 a licensed physician, licensed psychologist, licensed psychological associate, licensed
11 clinical social worker, or certified marital family therapist, the person or persons
12 rendering such counseling shall not be competent to testify in the action concerning
13 information acquired while rendering such counseling."

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