

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE DRS55060-LR-29 (02/13)

Short Title: Nurse Testimonial Privilege. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Purcell.

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Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NURSE TESTIMONIAL PRIVILEGE.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** Article 7 of Chapter 8 of the General Statutes is amended by  
5 adding a new section to read:

6 "**§ 8-53.13. Nurse privilege.**

7 No person licensed pursuant to Article 9A of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes  
8 shall be required to disclose any information that may have been acquired in rendering  
9 professional nursing services, and which information was necessary to enable that  
10 person to render professional nursing services, except that the presiding judge of a  
11 superior or district court may compel disclosure if, in the court's opinion, disclosure is  
12 necessary to a proper administration of justice and disclosure is not prohibited by other  
13 statute or rule."

14 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.