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Short Title: Nurse Testimonial Privilege. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Nesbitt, Walend (Primary Sponsors); and Glazier.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

March 27, 2003

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 becomes effective October 1, 2003.