

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003

HOUSE BILL 743
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NURSE TESTIMONIAL PRIVILEGE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"§ 8-53.13. Nurse privilege.

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

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2003.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 10th day of July, 2003.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

Richard T. Morgan
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved _____m. this _____ day of _____, 2003