

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MILLER, BOYES, ITKIN, KOSINSKI, HALUSKA, TRELLO,  
MORRIS, GEIST, PRESTON, FOX, SCHULER, NAHILL, CORNELL, CAWLEY  
AND MAINE, APRIL 11, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, APRIL 11, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for  
3 confidential communications to licensed social workers.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 5945.2 Confidential communications to licensed social  
9 workers.

10 (a) General rule.--A person who has been licensed as a  
11 social worker under the act of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220, No.39),  
12 known as the Social Workers' Practice Act, shall not, without  
13 the written consent of his client, be examined in any civil or  
14 criminal matter as to any information acquired in the course of  
15 his professional services in behalf of the client. The  
16 confidential relations and communications between a licensed  
17 social worker and his client shall be on the same basis as those  
18 provided or prescribed by law between an attorney and client.

1     (b) Exception.--Notwithstanding subsection (a), a person  
2     shall not be excused or prevented from complying with the act of  
3     November 26, 1975 (P.L.438, No.124), known as the Child  
4     Protective Services Law.

5     Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.