

HOUSE BILL NO. 513

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS REGARDING PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND CLIENTS; AMENDING SECTION 26-1-807, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 26-1-807, MCA, is amended to read:

**"26-1-807. ~~Psychologist-client~~ Mental health professional-client privilege.** The confidential relations and communications between a psychologist, psychiatrist, LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR, or licensed clinical social worker and a client must be placed on the same basis as provided by law for those between an attorney and a client. Nothing in any act of the legislature may be construed to require the privileged communications to be disclosed."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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