

CHAPTER 212

[Senate Bill No. 4529]

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS FOR REGISTERED NURSES

AN ACT Relating to privileged communications for registered nurses; and amending RCW 5.62.020 and 5.62.030.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 447, Laws of 1985 and RCW 5.62.020 are each amended to read as follows:

No registered nurse providing primary care or practicing under protocols, whether or not the physical presence or direct supervision of a physician is required, may be examined in a civil or criminal action as to any information acquired in attending a patient in the registered nurse's professional capacity, if the information was necessary to enable the registered nurse to act in that capacity for the patient, unless:

(1) The patient consents to disclosure or, in the event of death or disability of the patient, his or her personal representative, heir, beneficiary, or devisee consents to disclosure; or

(2) The information relates to the contemplation or execution of a crime in the future, or relates to the neglect or the sexual or physical abuse of a child, or of a vulnerable adult as defined in RCW 74.34.020, or to a person subject to proceedings under chapter 71.05 or 71.34 RCW.

Sec. 2. Section 3, chapter 447, Laws of 1985 and RCW 5.62.030 are each amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this chapter, the privilege created in this chapter is subject to the same limitations and exemptions contained in RCW 26.26.120, 26.44.060(3), and 51.04.050(~~and 71.05-250~~) as those limitations and exemptions relate to the physician/patient privilege of RCW 5.60.060.

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CHAPTER 213

[Senate Bill No. 4537]

DRIVING WITH AN EXPIRED LICENSE—TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS,
CONDITIONS FOR LOCAL COURTS' DISCRETION

AN ACT Relating to driving with an expired license; and amending RCW 46.64.020 and 46.63.110.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington: