

HB2977



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

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Introduced 2/16/2023, by Rep. Adam M. Niemerg

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

735 ILCS 5/8-803.1 new

Amends the Privileged Communications Part of the Evidence Article of the Code of Civil Procedure. Provides that a peer support advisor shall not be compelled to disclose in any court, or to any administrative board or agency, or to any public officer, a confession or admission made to him or her within his or her capacity as a peer support advisor, nor be compelled to divulge any information which has been obtained by him or her in his or her capacity as a peer support advisor. Includes legislative findings.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Legislative findings. It has been found by the
5 General Assembly of the State of Illinois that having healthy
6 police officers is an asset to communities throughout Illinois
7 and therefore, in an effort to support wellness of these
8 officers, both active and retired, we hereby create the status
9 of peer support advisor.

10 Section 5. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by
11 adding Section 8-803.1 as follows:

12 (735 ILCS 5/8-803.1 new)

13 Sec. 8-803.1. Peer support advisor. A peer support advisor
14 shall not be compelled to disclose in any court, or to any
15 administrative board or agency, or to any public officer, a
16 confession or admission made to him or her within his or her
17 capacity as a peer support advisor, nor be compelled to
18 divulge any information which has been obtained by him or her
19 in his or her capacity as a peer support advisor.

20 As used in this Section, "peer support advisor" means an
21 employee, approved by the law enforcement agency or the
22 emergency provider, who voluntarily provides confidential

1 support and assistance to fellow employees experiencing
2 personal or professional problems. An emergency services
3 provider or law enforcement agency shall provide peer support
4 advisors with an appropriate level of training in counseling
5 to provide emotional and moral support.