



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6203

LCO No. 5527



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN RECORDS CONCERNING NATIVE
AMERICAN CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section,
2 (1) "records of traditional cultural knowledge" means records containing
3 information central to a community's cultural and social identity,
4 including, but not limited to, religious rites and rituals, location of
5 sacred sites, kinship membership statistics and oral histories and
6 traditions; (2) "tribal nation" means any Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian
7 organization, as defined under NAGPRA, or any tribe recognized by
8 one or more state governments; and (3) "NAGPRA" means the Native
9 American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 USC 3001 et seq.

10 (b) Any record of traditional cultural knowledge submitted by a
11 member, representative or lineal descendant of a tribal nation to any
12 public agency, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes, as part
13 of the consultation process to determine cultural affiliation under
14 NAGPRA and its implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10, shall not be

15 deemed a public record and shall not be subject to disclosure under the
16 Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general
17 statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2021	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To facilitate the repatriation of Native American remains and artifacts by enabling state institutions to keep confidential any records provided as evidence that ancestral remains or artifacts were affiliated with a particular tribe.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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