

**House File 915 - Introduced**

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BY BAGNIEWSKI and LOHSE

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to privileged communications between spouses.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. Section 622.9, Code 2025, is amended by striking  
2 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

3 **622.9 Privileged communications between spouses.**

4 Subject to sections 232.74 and 726.4, and any other provision  
5 of law to the contrary:

6 1. A spouse shall not be required to be examined in any case  
7 as to any communication made by one spouse to the other while  
8 married.

9 2. After the marriage relation ceases, a former spouse shall  
10 not be required to reveal in testimony any communication made  
11 during the marriage.

12 3. If subpoenaed, a person may assert spousal privilege and  
13 refuse to reveal any information relating to a communication  
14 between the person and another person made while the person and  
15 the other person were married.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill relates to privileged communications between  
20 spouses.

21 Under current law, a person cannot be examined in any case  
22 as to any communication made between the person and the person's  
23 spouse while the person was married to the spouse. After  
24 the marriage relation ends, neither spouse is permitted to  
25 reveal in testimony any communication between the spouses made  
26 while they were married. Subject to certain provisions of law  
27 to the contrary relating to a child's injuries and criminal  
28 prosecutions related to neglect, abandonment, nonsupport, and  
29 child endangerment, the bill permits a spouse or former spouse  
30 to be examined in such cases, but maintains that the spouse or  
31 former spouse cannot be required to be examined. If subpoenaed,  
32 a person may assert spousal privilege and refuse to reveal any  
33 information relating to a communication between the person and  
34 another person made while the person and the other person were  
35 married.