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S.F. No. 5 – Public Safety Peer Support and Stress Management

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Section 1 amends the law limiting disclosure of information acquired as part of public safety peer counseling or debriefing. The description of the activity is changed to public safety peer support and conforming terminology changes are included. The limitation on disclosure would specifically apply to criminal or civil matters, in addition to personnel or occupational licensing matters covered by current law. A definition of “peer support provider” is added. Statements made by a person supported during an activity would not be admissible in any proceeding. Additional public safety occupations covered by the law are specified.

Section 2. Critical incident stress management.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms including “crisis intervention services,” “critical incident,” “critical incident stress management,” “emergency service provider,” and “critical incident stress management team.”

Subd. 2. Disclosure prohibited; exception. Prohibits disclosure of information obtained solely through the provision of, or receipt of, crisis intervention services unless a person reasonably believes disclosure is necessary to prevent harm to the person receiving services or another.

Subd. 3. Inadmissibility. Provides that a statement made during the provision or receipt of critical incident stress management is not admissible in any administrative, civil, or criminal proceeding.