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HOUSE BILL **376**

AN ACT specifying that library user information exempted from disclosure in the right-to-know law includes information regarding library cards and library membership status.

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COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill exempts library card and library membership files and information from disclosure under the right-to-know law.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT specifying that library user information exempted from disclosure in the right-to-know law includes information regarding library cards and library membership status.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Right to Know: Library Cards. Amend RSA 91-A:5, IV to read as follows:

2 IV. Records pertaining to internal personnel practices; confidential, commercial, or financial
3 information; test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data used to administer a licensing
4 examination, examination for employment, or academic examinations; and personnel, medical,
5 welfare, library user (***including, but not limited to, library cards and library membership***
6 ***status***), videotape sale or rental, and other files whose disclosure would constitute invasion of
7 privacy. Without otherwise compromising the confidentiality of the files, nothing in this paragraph
8 shall prohibit a public body or agency from releasing information relative to health or safety from
9 investigative files on a limited basis to persons whose health or safety may be affected.

10 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.