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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1625**

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**By** House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by  
Representatives Schmick and Wylie)

READ FIRST TIME 02/19/15.

1            AN ACT Relating to the provision of drugs to ambulance and aid  
2 services; adding a new section to chapter 18.64 RCW; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 70.168 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    A new section is added to chapter 18.64  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7            A pharmacy that is licensed under this chapter and operated by a  
8 hospital that is licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW may provide drugs  
9 to ambulance or aid services that are licensed under RCW 18.73.130  
10 for use associated with providing emergency medical services to  
11 patients if the following conditions are met:

12            (1) The hospital is located in the same or an adjacent county to  
13 the county in which the ambulance or aid service operates;

14            (2) A medical program director of an ambulance or aid service has  
15 requested drugs from the hospital per agreed protocol. A medical  
16 program director may only request drugs that:

17            (a) Are relevant to the level of service provided by the  
18 ambulance or aid service and the training of its emergency medical  
19 personnel; and

20            (b) Are approved as part of the ambulance or aid service  
21 prehospital patient care protocols for use by emergency medical

1 personnel in the county in which the ambulance or aid service is  
2 located; and

3 (3) The provision of the drugs by the pharmacy is not contingent  
4 upon arrangements for the transport of patients to the hospital that  
5 operates the pharmacy for reasons other than the consideration of  
6 patients' medical needs and any patient care procedures.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.168  
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) The emergency medical services and trauma care steering  
10 committee established in RCW 70.168.020 shall consider the use of the  
11 following medications by emergency medical technicians certified  
12 under chapter 18.73 RCW:

13 (a) Hydrocortisone sodium succinate or similar medications for  
14 the treatment of adrenal insufficiency; and

15 (b) Glucagon emergency kits.

16 (2) The review shall consider:

17 (a) The adequacy of current training for emergency medical  
18 technicians to administer the medications in subsection (1) of this  
19 section;

20 (b) The feasibility of supplementing the training of emergency  
21 medical technicians on either a statewide basis or a local basis to  
22 administer the medications in subsection (1) of this section;

23 (c) The costs and the likely utilization of stocking ambulances  
24 with the medications in subsection (1) of this section; and

25 (d) Options for localized solutions to specific community needs  
26 for the medications in subsection (1) of this section where only  
27 basic life support services are available, including needs that may  
28 arise in a school setting.

29 (3) The steering committee may appoint a work group to develop a  
30 draft report to present to the full steering committee, prior to the  
31 full steering committee adopting its report.

32 (4) By December 15, 2015, the steering committee shall report to  
33 the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature. The  
34 report shall summarize the review of the topics in subsection (2) of  
35 this section and any policy recommendations related to the review.  
36 The report shall include any available data related to the frequency  
37 of incidents requiring the administration of medications in  
38 subsection (1) of this section.

1 (5) This section expires June 30, 2016.

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