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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5034**

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**State of Washington**

**64th Legislature**

**2015 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Health Care (originally sponsored by Senators Habib and King)

READ FIRST TIME 02/10/15.

1 AN ACT Relating to referral of medical cases to occupational  
2 therapists; and amending RCW 18.59.100.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.59.100 and 1999 c 333 s 3 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 An occupational therapist shall, after evaluating a patient and  
7 if the case is a medical one, refer the case to a physician for  
8 appropriate medical direction if such direction is lacking. Treatment  
9 by an occupational therapist of such a medical case may take place  
10 only upon the referral of a physician, osteopathic physician,  
11 podiatric physician and surgeon, naturopath, chiropractor, physician  
12 assistant, psychologist, optometrist, or advanced registered nurse  
13 practitioner licensed to practice in this state.

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