
SENATE BILL 6305

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By Senator Keiser

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the prescriber education program;
2 adding new sections to chapter 18.71 RCW; creating a new section; and
3 providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to:
6 (1) Improve public health and safety;
7 (2) Control the ever-increasing costs of health care;
8 (3) Require that prescribing decisions by medical professionals are
9 based on the latest scientific and clinical data of the quality and
10 effectiveness of prescription medications and medical devices; and
11 (4) Improve health outcomes and reduce unnecessary costs.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.71 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) The commission shall develop an evidence-based prescriber
15 education program, in cooperation with the school of medicine at the
16 University of Washington and the state health care authority, known as
17 the prescriber education program. In designing the program, the

1 commission shall consult with appropriate health care professionals or
2 organizations knowledgeable about the practice of medicine and
3 continuing medical education.

4 (2) The prescriber education program must provide health care
5 professionals who are prescribers with timely, balanced, unbiased,
6 evidence-based information and education about the comparative
7 efficacy, quality, safety, and cost-effectiveness of commonly used
8 prescribed products.

9 (3) The commission may seek funding to establish and maintain the
10 prescriber education program through public or private grants or gifts
11 but may not seek or accept funding from any pharmaceutical-related
12 manufacturer, company, or representative.

13 (4) The commission and the department of health may adopt rules
14 necessary to implement this section.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 18.71 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) The prescriber education account is established in the state
18 treasury.

19 (2) The following moneys shall be deposited in the prescriber
20 education account:

21 (a) Money appropriated or transferred to the account by the
22 legislature;

23 (b) Money obtained through public or private grants or gifts; and

24 (c) At least ten percent of any state share of an award or
25 settlement made in favor of the state from any lawsuit involving the
26 state of Washington and any pharmaceutical company.

27 (3) Moneys in the account may be used to establish, administer, and
28 maintain the prescriber education program established in section 2 of
29 this act.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act takes effect July 1, 2010.

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