

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1625

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AMBULANCE AND AID SERVICES--PHARMACIES--PROVISION OF DRUGS

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President of the Senate

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1625** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

Chief Clerk

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

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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.

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

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