

Health Care Committee

SSB 5601

Brief Description: *Removing the two-year limited license renewal limit on teaching-research medical professionals.*

Sponsors: *By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Thibaudeau, Deccio, Franklin, Winsley, Costa, Fraser and Kohl-Welles).*

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- *Repeals the two-year limitation on the duration of a limited license to practice medicine issued to teaching-research staff at the UW School of Medicine.*

Hearing Date: *3/22/01*

Staff: *John Welsh (786-7133).*

Background:

The state Medical Quality Assurance Commission is authorized by law to issue a limited license to practice medicine to a person who is invited to serve as a teaching-research member of the staff at the University of Washington School of Medicine. The person may only practice within the confines of the instructional program. A limited license is renewable annually, but its maximum duration is limited to two years.

Summary of Bill:

A limited license to practice medicine issued to a teaching-research member of the School of Medicine's instructional staff is renewable annually. The two-year maximum limit on the duration of a limited license is repealed.

Appropriation: *None.*

Fiscal Note: *Not Requested.*

Effective Date: *Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.*