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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1003**

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**State of Washington                      52nd Legislature                      1991 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives O'Brien, Dellwo, Wineberry and Brough).

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1            AN ACT Relating to information on prescription drugs; and adding a  
2 new section to chapter 18.64 RCW.

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

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

6            (1) The legislature finds that the potent legend drugs currently  
7 available for prescribing and dispensing may have adverse effects in  
8 addition to their beneficial effects. The legislature further finds  
9 that patients are in need of sufficient information to assure that they  
10 are taking prescribed drugs in the proper manner to assure that the  
11 treatment achieves its desired effect and that any adverse or  
12 undesirable drug interactions are minimized or eliminated. This  
13 information should be supplied by the practitioner and also the  
14 dispenser.

1           (2) Except when the practitioner has determined that the patient is  
2 not to receive specified information regarding the medication, any  
3 practitioner who dispenses a legend drug to a patient, after consulting  
4 the patient profile, shall inform the patient orally or in writing of  
5 any information necessary to assure the proper utilization of the  
6 medication.