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By Senators Deccio, Wojahn, Wood and Fairley

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1 AN ACT Relating to the disclosure of information obtained by the  
2 department of health related to meeting licensing standards in  
3 hospitals; and amending RCW 70.41.150.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.41.150 and 1985 c 213 s 24 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 Information received by the department (~~((through filed reports,~~  
8 ~~inspection, or))~~) as ~~((otherwise))~~ authorized under this chapter,  
9 ~~((shall not))~~ must be disclosed ~~((publicly in such manner as to~~  
10 ~~identify individuals or hospitals, except in a proceeding involving the~~  
11 ~~question of licensure. Such records of the department shall at all~~  
12 ~~times be available to the council and the members thereof))~~ consistent  
13 with chapter 42.17 RCW, except for complaint information. Complaint  
14 information must be available for disclosure when the department  
15 completes its assessment of compliance with licensing standards  
16 included in or adopted under this chapter.

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