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By Senators Roach, Fairley, Thibaudeau and Kohl

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1 AN ACT Relating to health care assistants; and reenacting and
2 amending RCW 18.135.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.135.020 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 719 and 1994 c 76 s 1
5 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 As used in this chapter:

7 (1) "Secretary" means the secretary of health.

8 (2) "Health care assistant" means an unlicensed person who assists
9 a licensed health care practitioner in providing health care to
10 patients pursuant to this chapter. However persons trained by a
11 federally approved end-stage renal disease facility who perform end-
12 stage renal dialysis are exempt from certification under this chapter.

13 (3) "Health care practitioner" means:

14 (a) A physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW;

15 (b) An osteopathic physician or surgeon licensed under chapter
16 18.57 RCW, or a naturopath licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW; or

17 (c) Acting within the scope of their respective licensure, a
18 podiatric physician and surgeon licensed under chapter 18.22 RCW or a

1 registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed
2 under chapter 18.79 RCW.

3 (4) "Supervision" means supervision of procedures permitted
4 pursuant to this chapter by a health care practitioner who is
5 physically present and is immediately available in the facility during
6 the administration of injections, as defined in this chapter, but need
7 not be present during procedures to withdraw blood.

8 (5) "Health care facility" means any hospital, hospice care center,
9 licensed or certified health care facility, health maintenance
10 organization regulated under chapter 48.46 RCW, federally qualified
11 health maintenance organization, renal dialysis center or facility
12 federally approved under 42 C.F.R. 405.2100, blood bank federally
13 licensed under 21 C.F.R. 607, or clinical laboratory certified under 20
14 C.F.R. 405.1301-16.

15 (6) "Delegation" means direct authorization granted by a licensed
16 health care practitioner to a health care assistant to perform the
17 functions authorized in this chapter which fall within the scope of
18 practice of the delegator and which are not within the scope of
19 practice of the delegatee.

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