
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6361

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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Deccio, Wojahn, Benton, Franklin, Wood, Prentice and Winsley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to health care facility worker identification; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 70.41 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 70.41 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 All persons employed by, volunteering with, contracting with,
7 leasing space from, or otherwise providing health care services
8 directly to patients at a health care facility shall wear
9 identification badges. The badge must display the person's first name,
10 or first and last name, or initials or a numeric identifier, and the
11 title of his or her profession under Title 18 RCW, or job title, if the
12 person is not a regulated health care professional. The badge must
13 indicate if the person is a delegatee nursing assistant delegated tasks
14 under chapter 18.88A RCW. The badge must be worn on the person's
15 clothing so that it is visible and readable. For the purposes of this
16 section, "health care facility" means a facility that provides health
17 related services, including but not limited to, a hospital, clinic,
18 pharmacy, health care provider's office, diagnostic or treatment
19 center, neuropsychiatric or mental health facility, or long-term care

1 facility required to be licensed under chapter 18.20, 18.51, 72.36, or
2 70.128 RCW or a home health, hospice, or home care agency licensed
3 under chapter 70.127 RCW, or contracted assisted living services under
4 RCW 74.39A.010, or in-home independent care provider. For the purposes
5 of this section "person" includes but is not limited to health care
6 provider, staff member, and all other employees, both professional and
7 nonprofessional, as well as volunteers. It does not include visitors
8 or family members in adult family homes who do not regularly provide
9 services to residents.

10 The health care facility administrator or his or her designee is
11 responsible for assuring that all persons comply with this section.
12 Anyone complying in good faith with the requirements of this section is
13 immune from liability arising out of the authorized use of a health
14 care facility identification badge.

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