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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.41 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 All persons employed by, volunteering with, contracting with,
10 leasing space from, or otherwise providing health care services
11 directly to patients at a health care facility shall wear
12 identification badges. The badge must display the person's first name,
13 or first and last name, or initials or a numeric identifier, and the
14 title of his or her profession under Title 18 RCW, or job title, if the
15 person is not a regulated health care professional. The badge must
16 indicate if the person is a delegatee nursing assistant delegated tasks
17 under chapter 18.88A RCW. The badge must be worn on the person's
18 clothing so that it is visible and readable. For the purposes of this
19 section, "health care facility" means a hospital, pharmacy, diagnostic
20 or treatment center, neuropsychiatric or mental health facility, or
21 long-term care facility required to be licensed under chapter 18.20,
22 18.51, 72.36, or 70.128 RCW or a home health, hospice, or home care
23 agency licensed under chapter 70.127 RCW, or contracted assisted living
24 services under RCW 74.39A.010, or in-home independent care provider,
25 but not including veterinary medical facilities. A health care
26 facility that maintains an established identification badge policy
27 covering persons under this section is exempt from the provisions of
28 this section. For the purposes of this section "person" includes but
29 is not limited to health care provider, staff member, and all other
30 employees, both professional and nonprofessional, as well as
31 volunteers. It does not include visitors or family members in adult
32 family homes who do not regularly provide services to residents, nor
33 does "person" include veterinarians, licensed under chapter 18.92 RCW,
34 or their employees.

35 The health care facility administrator or his or her designee is
36 responsible for assuring that all persons comply with this section."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "identification;" strike the
5 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new section to chapter
6 70.41 RCW."

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