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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1838**

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**By** House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Schual-Berke, Mulliken and Ogden)

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1            AN ACT Relating to the impaired dentist program; and amending RCW  
2 18.32.534.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.32.534 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 220 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) To implement an impaired dentist program as authorized by RCW  
7 18.130.175, the commission shall enter into a contract with a voluntary  
8 substance abuse monitoring program. The impaired dentist program may  
9 include any or all of the following:

- 10            (a) Contracting with providers of treatment programs;
- 11            (b) Receiving and evaluating reports of suspected impairment from  
12 any source;
- 13            (c) Intervening in cases of verified impairment;
- 14            (d) Referring impaired dentists to treatment programs;
- 15            (e) Monitoring the treatment and rehabilitation of impaired  
16 dentists including those ordered by the commission;
- 17            (f) Providing education, prevention of impairment, posttreatment  
18 monitoring, and support of rehabilitated impaired dentists; and

1 (g) Performing other related activities as determined by the  
2 commission.

3 (2) A contract entered into under subsection (1) of this section  
4 shall be financed by a surcharge of (~~up to fifteen~~) twenty-five  
5 dollars on each license issuance or renewal to be collected by the  
6 department of health from every dentist licensed under chapter 18.32  
7 RCW. These moneys shall be placed in the health professions account to  
8 be used solely for the implementation of the impaired dentist program.

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