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By Representatives Schual-Berke, Mulliken and Ogden

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1            AN ACT Relating to the impaired dentist program; amending RCW  
2 18.32.534; and adding a new section to chapter 18.32 RCW.

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~~)  
8 impaired dentist account to be used solely for the implementation of  
9 the impaired dentist program.

10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.32 RCW  
11 to read as follows:

12 The impaired dentist account is created in the custody of the state  
13 treasurer. All receipts from RCW 18.32.534 from license surcharges on  
14 dentists shall be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the  
15 account may only be used for the impaired dentist program under this  
16 chapter. Only the secretary of health or the secretary's designee may  
17 authorize expenditures from the account. No appropriation is required  
18 for expenditures from this account.

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