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By Representatives Cody, Schual-Berke, Campbell, Edwards, Conway, Dunn and Mulliken

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1 AN ACT Relating to regulating the use of allergenic latex in health
2 care facilities; and adding a new section to chapter 43.70 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 43.70 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) For the purposes of this section, "health care facility" has
7 the same meaning as set forth in RCW 48.43.005.

8 (2) Effective January 1, 2000, the use of powder latex products in
9 health care facilities is prohibited. Health care facilities shall
10 establish, upon the recommendations of the department of health,
11 written policies on methods to prevent latex allergic reactions through
12 the use of low-protein latex products.

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