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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5786**

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**By** Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Jacobsen, Patterson, Thibaudeau, McAuliffe, Franklin, Eide, Kline and Bauer)

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1 AN ACT Relating to acupuncture as a medical care service; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 74.09 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 74.09 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Effective January 1, 2002, the department shall offer  
7 acupuncture services as part of its care and services offered under  
8 this chapter.

9 (2) Providers of acupuncture services under this chapter must be  
10 licensed as provided under chapter 18.06 RCW.

11 (3) The department shall limit the number of acupunctural  
12 treatments provided under this section to a maximum of eight per year  
13 per patient and may develop additional appropriate limitations for the  
14 utilization of acupuncture services.

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