

5050-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, Kline and Deccio)

Brief Title: Describing the treatment of intractable pain with controlled substances.

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(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/16/99)

Declares that health professionals licensed in this state to prescribe controlled substances may treat intractable pain with controlled substances included in Schedules II through V as identified in title 69 RCW.

Does not address treatment of conditions other than intractable pain with controlled substances included in Schedules II through V.

Provides that the licensing entity for health professionals licensed in this state to prescribe controlled substances shall not take action against the health professional's license, if the health professional follows the accepted standard of care for treatment of intractable pain with controlled substances and the licensed health professional obtains informed consent.

Declares that prescription of controlled substances included in Schedules II through V for intractable pain by a health professional licensed in this state to prescribe controlled substances is not a criminal offense.