

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SHB 1094

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### As Passed Legislature

**Title:** An act relating to the surrender of a health care professional's license.

**Brief Description:** Allowing a health care professional to surrender his or her license to practice.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Skinner, Schual-Berke, Cody, Campbell, Conway, Ruderman, Dunshee, Alexander, Edmonds, Kenney, Edwards and Kagi).

### Brief History:

#### Committee Activity:

Health Care: 1/23/01, 1/25/01 [DPS].

#### Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/27/01, 95-0.

Senate Amended.

Passed Senate: 4/9/01, 49-0.

House concurred in part.

Senate receded in part.

Passed Senate: 4/18/01, 39-0.

Passed House: 4/19/01, 98-0.

Passed Legislature.

### Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Includes the surrender of a health practitioner's license to practice in lieu of other sanctions specified under the Uniform Disciplinary Act.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 11 members: Representatives Campbell, Republican Co-Chair; Cody, Democratic Co-Chair; Schual-Berke, Democratic Vice Chair; Skinner, Republican Vice Chair; Alexander, Ballasiotes, Conway, Edmonds, Marine, McMorris and Ruderman.

**Staff:** John Welsh (786-7133).

**Background:**

The Uniform Disciplinary Act provides procedures and sanctions for unprofessional conduct committed by health professionals regulated by the Department of Health. Sanctions include revocation or suspension of a license to practice, restriction of practice, censure or reprimand, probation, fines, corrective action, and refund of client fees.

The voluntary surrender by a practitioner of a license, certificate, or registration to practice is not included as sanction.

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**Summary of Bill:**

The surrender of a practitioner's license to practice is included in the list of sanctions to be considered by professional disciplinary authorities in lieu of other sanctions provided under the Uniform Disciplinary Act. A surrender of a license must be reported to the federal data bank.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not Requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** Practitioners electing to retire from practice and surrender their license should be allowed to as an alternative to applying harsher sanctions.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** (Support) Carl Nelson, Washington State Medical Association.