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By Senators Winsley, Franklin, Costa and Thibaudeau

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the license surcharge for the
2 impaired physician program; and amending RCW 18.71.310.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.71.310 and 1998 c 132 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The commission shall enter into a contract with the entity to
7 implement an impaired physician program. The commission may enter into
8 a contract with the entity for up to six years in length. The impaired
9 physician program may include any or all of the following:

10 (a) Entering into relationships supportive of the impaired
11 physician program with professionals who provide either evaluation or
12 treatment services, or both;

13 (b) Receiving and assessing reports of suspected impairment from
14 any source;

15 (c) Intervening in cases of verified impairment, or in cases where
16 there is reasonable cause to suspect impairment;

17 (d) Upon reasonable cause, referring suspected or verified impaired
18 physicians for evaluation or treatment;

1 (e) Monitoring the treatment and rehabilitation of impaired
2 physicians including those ordered by the commission;

3 (f) Providing monitoring and continuing treatment and
4 rehabilitative support of physicians;

5 (g) Performing such other activities as agreed upon by the
6 commission and the entity; and

7 (h) Providing prevention and education services.

8 (2) A contract entered into under subsection (1) of this section
9 shall be financed by a surcharge of not less than twenty-five and not
10 more than thirty-five dollars per year on each license renewal or
11 issuance of a new license to be collected by the department of health
12 from every physician and surgeon licensed under this chapter in
13 addition to other license fees. These moneys shall be placed in the
14 impaired physician account to be used solely for the implementation of
15 the impaired physician program.

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