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By Representatives Haigh, Sump, Cooper, Armstrong, Pearson, McDermott and Chase; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of controlled substances by the  
2 department of fish and wildlife; adding a new section to chapter 69.50  
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the department of  
6 fish and wildlife is responsible for the proper management of the  
7 state's diverse wildlife resources. Wildlife management often requires  
8 the department of fish and wildlife to immobilize individual animals in  
9 order for the animals to be moved, treated, examined, or for other  
10 legitimate purposes. The legislature finds that it is often necessary  
11 for the department to use certain controlled substances to accomplish  
12 these purposes. Therefore, the legislature finds that the department  
13 of fish and wildlife, in coordination with the board of pharmacy,  
14 should be enabled to use approved controlled substances in order to  
15 accomplish its legitimate wildlife management goals.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 69.50 RCW  
17 to read as follows:

18 The department of fish and wildlife may apply to the department for

1 registration pursuant to the applicable provisions of this chapter to  
2 purchase, possess, and administer controlled substances for use in  
3 chemical capture programs. The department of fish and wildlife may not  
4 permit a person to administer controlled substances unless the person  
5 has demonstrated adequate knowledge of the potential hazards and proper  
6 techniques to be used in administering controlled substances.

7 The department may issue a limited registration to carry out the  
8 provisions of this section. The board may adopt rules to ensure strict  
9 compliance with the provisions of this section. The board, in  
10 consultation with the department of fish and wildlife, may by rule add  
11 or remove additional controlled substances for use in chemical capture  
12 programs. The board may suspend or revoke registration upon  
13 determination that the person administering controlled substances has  
14 not demonstrated adequate knowledge as required by this section. This  
15 authority is granted in addition to any other power to suspend or  
16 revoke registration as provided by law.

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