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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5203**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Parks, Fish & Wildlife (originally sponsored by Senators Oke, Doumit, Jacobsen and Swecker; 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, must  
14 be enabled to use approved controlled substances in order to accomplish  
15 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 of

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

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

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