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**SENATE BILL 5259**

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**By** Senators Kline, Franklin, Mulliken, Keiser, Rockefeller and Shin

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1            AN ACT Relating to reporting drug overdoses; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 69.50 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 69.50 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            A person shall not be charged, subject to civil forfeiture, or  
7 otherwise prosecuted for a violation of this chapter if:

- 8            (1) The person was a witness to a drug overdose;
- 9            (2) The overdose resulted in an imminent threat to the health or  
10 life of the overdose victim;
- 11           (3) The person reported the drug overdose to law enforcement or  
12 summoned medical assistance at the time it was witnessed; and
- 13           (4) All evidence of the specific violation was gained as a result  
14 of the person's report.

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