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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Morrell, Warnick, O'Brien, McCune, Liias, Kagi, Kenney, and Wallace)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the authority of occupational therapists to
2 purchase, store, and administer medications; and adding a new section
3 to chapter 18.59 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.59 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 An occupational therapist licensed under this chapter may purchase,
8 store, and administer topical and transdermal medications such as
9 hydrocortisone, dexamethasone, fluocinonide, topical anesthetics,
10 lidocaine, magnesium sulfate, and other similar medications for the
11 practice of occupational therapy as prescribed by a health care
12 provider with prescribing authority as authorized in RCW 18.59.100.
13 Administration of medication must be documented in the patient's
14 medical record. Some medications may be applied by the use of
15 iontophoresis and phonophoresis. An occupational therapist may not
16 purchase, store, or administer controlled substances. A pharmacist who
17 dispenses such drugs to a licensed occupational therapist is not liable
18 for any adverse reactions caused by any method of use by the

1 occupational therapist. Application of a prescribed medication to a
2 wound as authorized in this statute does not constitute wound care
3 management.

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