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HOUSE BILL 2876

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By Representatives Moeller, Green, and Morrell

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1            AN ACT Relating to pain management; adding new sections to chapter  
2 18.130 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.130 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) By November 15, 2010, the secretary shall, by rule, develop  
7 criteria for approving pain management education programs for purposes  
8 of section 2 of this act.

9            (2) Annually, beginning January 1, 2011, the secretary shall use  
10 the criteria developed under subsection (1) of this section to publish  
11 a list of approved pain management education programs.

12            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.130 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14            A license holder who is authorized by law to prescribe a Schedule  
15 II controlled substance shall complete one pain management education  
16 program approved by the secretary under section 1 of this act as part  
17 of his or her continuing education requirements. The license holder  
18 shall complete the education program:

1           (1) Within twenty-four months of the effective date of this section  
2 if the license holder was licensed prior to the effective date of this  
3 section; or

4           (2) Prior to renewing his or her license if the license holder was  
5 licensed on or after the effective date of this section.

6           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.**   Section 2 of this act takes effect January  
7 1, 2011.

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