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By Senator Keiser; by request of Governor Gregoire

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1 AN ACT Relating to exemption from immunization; and amending RCW  
2 28A.210.090.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.210.090 and 1991 c 3 s 290 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Any child shall be exempt in whole or in part from the  
7 immunization measures required by RCW 28A.210.060 through 28A.210.170  
8 upon the presentation of any one or more of the ~~((following))~~  
9 certifications required by this section, on a form prescribed by the  
10 department of health~~((+))~~. The form must include a statement to be  
11 signed by a health care practitioner stating that he or she provided  
12 the signator with information about the benefits and risks of  
13 immunization.

14 ~~((+1))~~ (a) A written certification signed by ~~((any physician~~  
15 ~~licensed to practice medicine pursuant to chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW))~~  
16 a health care practitioner that a particular vaccine required by rule  
17 of the state board of health is, in his or her judgment, not advisable  
18 for the child: PROVIDED, That when it is determined that this

1 particular vaccine is no longer contraindicated, the child will be  
2 required to have the vaccine;

3 ~~((+2))~~ (b) A written certification signed by any parent or legal  
4 guardian of the child or any adult in loco parentis to the child that  
5 the religious beliefs of the signator are contrary to the required  
6 immunization measures; ~~((and))~~ or

7 ~~((+3))~~ (c) A written certification signed by any parent or legal  
8 guardian of the child or any adult in loco parentis to the child that  
9 the signator has either a philosophical or personal objection to the  
10 immunization of the child.

11 (2) For purposes of this section, "health care practitioner" means  
12 a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW, a naturopath  
13 licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW, a physician assistant licensed under  
14 chapter 18.71A or 18.57A RCW, or an advanced registered nurse  
15 practitioner licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW.

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