

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1486

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### As Reported by House Committee On: Health Care & Wellness

**Title:** An act relating to authorizing Washington pharmacies to fill prescriptions written by advanced registered nurse practitioners in other states.

**Brief Description:** Authorizing Washington pharmacies to fill prescriptions written by advanced registered nurse practitioners in other states.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Green, Jinkins, Cody, Hinkle, Moeller, Bailey, Schmick, Clibborn, Kelley and Condotta.

#### **Brief History:**

##### **Committee Activity:**

Health Care & Wellness: 1/31/11, 2/3/11 [DP].

#### **Brief Summary of Bill**

- Allows Washington pharmacies to honor the prescriptions of out-of-state advanced registered nurse practitioners with respect to controlled substances.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 11 members: Representatives Cody, Chair; Jinkins, Vice Chair; Schmick, Ranking Minority Member; Hinkle, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Bailey, Clibborn, Green, Harris, Kelley, Moeller and Van De Wege.

**Staff:** Jim Morishima (786-7191).

#### **Background:**

It is unlawful to possess, deliver, or dispense a legend drug or controlled substance except pursuant to a prescription issued by health care professionals with prescriptive authority who are licensed in Washington; e.g., physicians, dentists, and advanced registered nurse practitioners. Additionally, Washington pharmacies may honor prescriptions written by the following professions from other states:

- physicians;

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- osteopathic physicians and surgeons;
- dentists;
- podiatric physicians and surgeons; and
- veterinarians.

In 2010 the Legislature added out-of-state advanced registered nurse practitioners to this list with respect to legend drugs, but not controlled substances.

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**Summary of Bill:**

Washington pharmacies may honor prescriptions written by out-of-state advanced registered nurse practitioners with respect to controlled substances.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

(In support) Last year the Legislature allowed Washington pharmacies to honor the prescriptions of out-of-state advanced registered nurse practitioners. However, last year's bill contained a drafting error that limited the bill's effect to legend drugs. This bill fixes this technical issue that was not identified until after session was over last year.

(Opposed) None.

**Persons Testifying:** Jerry Green and Tamara Warnke, ARNPs United of Washington State.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.