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1            AN ACT Relating to designating July 25th as patient safety day; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 1.20 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 1.20 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) The legislature finds that:

7            (a) Everyone is entitled to safe and effective health care;

8            (b) Our health care delivery system has a paramount duty to make  
9 patient safety a top priority;

10           (c) Despite the best efforts of health care providers and  
11 facilities, preventable medical errors, prescription drug misuse, and  
12 other unintended consequences that negatively affect patients can  
13 occur;

14           (d) Health care providers and facilities in Washington are  
15 committed to promoting patient safety and eliminating medical errors;

16           (e) Common measures for reporting health care performance, along  
17 with patient education and engagement, are critical to Washington  
18 citizens making informed health choices; and

1 (f) Washington state strives to promote the importance of patient  
2 safety in the delivery of quality health care.

3 (2) It is therefore the legislature's intent to designate July 25th  
4 of each year as patient safety day in memory of patients who have  
5 suffered from preventable medical errors, to honor all people who  
6 strive to improve medical safety, and to raise the awareness of the  
7 paramount importance of patient safety.

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