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1 AN ACT Relating to the exemption of veterinarians from the data
2 submission requirements of the prescription monitoring program; and
3 amending RCW 70.225.020.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.225.020 and 2007 c 259 s 43 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) When sufficient funding is provided for such purpose through
8 federal or private grants, or is appropriated by the legislature, the
9 department shall establish and maintain a prescription monitoring
10 program to monitor the prescribing and dispensing of all Schedules II,
11 III, IV, and V controlled substances and any additional drugs
12 identified by the board of pharmacy as demonstrating a potential for
13 abuse by all professionals licensed to prescribe or dispense such
14 substances in this state. The program shall be designed to improve
15 health care quality and effectiveness by reducing abuse of controlled
16 substances, reducing duplicative prescribing and overprescribing of
17 controlled substances, and improving controlled substance prescribing
18 practices with the intent of eventually establishing an electronic

1 database available in real time to dispensers and prescribers of
2 (~~control~~[~~controlled~~]) controlled substances. As much as possible,
3 the department should establish a common database with other states.

4 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, each
5 dispenser shall submit to the department by electronic means
6 information regarding each prescription dispensed for a drug included
7 under subsection (1) of this section. Drug prescriptions for more than
8 immediate one day use should be reported. The information submitted
9 for each prescription shall include, but not be limited to:

- 10 (a) Patient identifier;
- 11 (b) Drug dispensed;
- 12 (c) Date of dispensing;
- 13 (d) Quantity dispensed;
- 14 (e) Prescriber; and
- 15 (f) Dispenser.

16 (3) Each dispenser shall submit the information in accordance with
17 transmission methods established by the department.

18 (4) The data submission requirements of this section do not apply
19 to:

20 (a) Medications provided to patients receiving inpatient services
21 provided at hospitals licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW; or patients of
22 such hospitals receiving services at the clinics, day surgery areas, or
23 other settings within the hospital's license where the medications are
24 administered in single doses; (~~or~~)

25 (b) Pharmacies operated by the department of corrections for the
26 purpose of providing medications to offenders in department of
27 corrections institutions who are receiving pharmaceutical services from
28 a department of corrections pharmacy, except that the department of
29 corrections must submit data related to each offender's current
30 prescriptions for controlled substances upon the offender's release
31 from a department of corrections institution; or

32 (c) Veterinarians licensed under chapter 18.92 RCW.

33 (5) The department shall seek federal grants to support the
34 activities described in chapter 259, Laws of 2007. The department may
35 not require a practitioner or a pharmacist to pay a fee or tax
36 specifically dedicated to the operation of the system.

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