
HOUSE BILL 1101

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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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