
SENATE BILL 5553

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By Senators Schlicher, Becker, Keiser, Parlette, and Shin

Read first time 02/04/13. Referred to Committee on Health Care .

1 AN ACT Relating to studying the potential to divert ambulances to
2 urgent care; adding a new section to chapter 18.73 RCW; and providing
3 an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.73 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The department shall complete a study of the potential to
8 divert ambulances to urgent care facilities when appropriate. The
9 department may convene a stakeholder group including the ambulance
10 service providers, emergency department providers, urgent care
11 facilities, and insurance carriers. The study must be provided to the
12 health committees of the legislature by October 1, 2013, and must
13 include recommendations on any statutory changes needed.

14 (2) This section expires August 1, 2014.

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