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**State of Washington 64th Legislature 2015 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives Schmick and Cody

AN ACT Relating to the ownership of hospitals; adding a new section to chapter 70.38 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 70.38 RCW to read as follows:

(1) From January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, the department may not issue a certificate of need for the sale, purchase, or lease of an existing hospital to another hospital or a purchasing entity that has an ownership or investment interest in any other hospital within Washington.

(2) This section expires July 1, 2016.

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