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**SENATE BILL 5268**

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

**By** Senators Parlette, Kohl-Welles, Hatfield, Angel, and Fraser

AN ACT Relating to refilling eye drop prescriptions; and adding a new section to chapter 18.64 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 18.64 RCW to read as follows:

A pharmacist is authorized, without consulting a physician or obtaining a new prescription or refill from a physician, to provide for one early refill of a prescription for eye drops to treat glaucoma if all of the following criteria are met:

(1) The refill is requested by a patient less than thirty days after the later of:

(a) The date the original prescription was dispensed to the patient; or

(b) The date that the last refill of the prescription was dispensed to the patient;

(2) The prescriber indicates on the original prescription that a specific number of refills will be needed;

(3) The refill does not exceed the number of refills that the prescriber indicated under subsection (2) of this section;

(4) The prescription has not been refilled more than once during the thirty-day period prior to the request for an early refill.

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