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By Representatives Jinkins, Holy, Magendanz, Nealey, Goodman, Muri, Gregerson, Cody, Kilduff, and Pollet; by request of Attorney General

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1 AN ACT Relating to the medicaid fraud false claims act; creating
2 a new section; and repealing RCW 43.131.420.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that medicaid
5 provider fraud drives up health care costs for Washingtonians, harms
6 medicaid clients and fair providers, and costs taxpayers. The
7 legislature also recognizes that as medicaid coverage expands,
8 opportunities for fraud increase. Having cost-effective resources and
9 law enforcement tools to recover money lost to fraud and to hold
10 persons who engage in fraudulent conduct accountable is essential to
11 the integrity of the medicaid program. The legislature realizes the
12 ability to civilly prosecute fraud is an important deterrent that not
13 only holds those who defraud taxpayers accountable, but also prevents
14 fraud. It is therefore the intent of the legislature to preserve the
15 state's tools to combat medicaid provider fraud through the
16 reauthorization of the medicaid fraud false claims act.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.131.420 (Medicaid fraud false
18 claims act—Repeal) and 2012 c 241 s 217 are each repealed.

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