
SENATE BILL 5822

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1 AN ACT Relating to updating pharmacy provisions; reenacting and
2 amending RCW 69.41.030 and 18.64.011; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that current
5 legislative and regulatory laws relating to pharmacy practice in
6 Washington state are out of date and in need of updating. Current
7 laws must be updated in order to promote better care, which will lead
8 to greater individual and public health.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 69.41.030 and 2013 c 71 s 1 and 2013 c 12 s 1 are
10 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

11 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, deliver, or
12 possess any legend drug except upon the order or prescription of a
13 physician under chapter 18.71 RCW, an osteopathic physician and
14 surgeon under chapter 18.57 RCW, an optometrist licensed under
15 chapter 18.53 RCW who is certified by the optometry board under RCW
16 18.53.010, a dentist under chapter 18.32 RCW, a podiatric physician
17 and surgeon under chapter 18.22 RCW, a veterinarian under chapter
18 18.92 RCW, a commissioned medical or dental officer in the United
19 States armed forces or public health service in the discharge of his
20 or her official duties, a duly licensed physician or dentist employed

1 by the veterans administration in the discharge of his or her
2 official duties, a registered nurse or advanced registered nurse
3 practitioner under chapter 18.79 RCW when authorized by the nursing
4 care quality assurance commission, a pharmacist licensed under
5 chapter 18.64 RCW to the extent permitted (~~by drug therapy~~
6 ~~guidelines or protocols established~~) under RCW 18.64.011 (~~and~~
7 ~~authorized by the board of pharmacy and approved by a practitioner~~
8 ~~authorized to prescribe drugs~~), an osteopathic physician assistant
9 under chapter 18.57A RCW when authorized by the board of osteopathic
10 medicine and surgery, a physician assistant under chapter 18.71A RCW
11 when authorized by the medical quality assurance commission, or any
12 of the following professionals in any province of Canada that shares
13 a common border with the state of Washington or in any state of the
14 United States: A physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery
15 or a physician licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery,
16 a dentist licensed to practice dentistry, a podiatric physician and
17 surgeon licensed to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, a
18 licensed advanced registered nurse practitioner, a licensed physician
19 assistant, a licensed osteopathic physician assistant, or a
20 veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine: PROVIDED,
21 HOWEVER, That the above provisions shall not apply to sale, delivery,
22 or possession by drug wholesalers or drug manufacturers, or their
23 agents or employees, or to any practitioner acting within the scope
24 of his or her license, or to a common or contract carrier or
25 warehouse operator, or any employee thereof, whose possession of any
26 legend drug is in the usual course of business or employment:
27 PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing in this chapter or chapter 18.64 RCW
28 shall prevent a family planning clinic that is under contract with
29 the health care authority from selling, delivering, possessing, and
30 dispensing commercially prepackaged oral contraceptives prescribed by
31 authorized, licensed health care practitioners.

32 (2)(a) A violation of this section involving the sale, delivery,
33 or possession with intent to sell or deliver is a class B felony
34 punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.

35 (b) A violation of this section involving possession is a
36 misdemeanor.

37 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.64.011 and 2013 c 146 s 1, 2013 c 144 s 13, and
38 2013 c 19 s 7 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

1 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
2 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

3 (1) "Administer" means the direct application of a drug or
4 device, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other
5 means, to the body of a patient or research subject.

6 (2) "Business licensing system" means the mechanism established
7 by chapter 19.02 RCW by which business licenses, endorsed for
8 individual state-issued licenses, are issued and renewed utilizing a
9 business license application and a business license expiration date
10 common to each renewable license endorsement.

11 (3) "Commission" means the pharmacy quality assurance commission.

12 (4) "Compounding" means the act of combining two or more
13 ingredients in the preparation of a prescription.

14 (5) "Controlled substance" means a drug or substance, or an
15 immediate precursor of such drug or substance, so designated under or
16 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 69.50 RCW.

17 (6) "Deliver" or "delivery" means the actual, constructive, or
18 attempted transfer from one person to another of a drug or device,
19 whether or not there is an agency relationship.

20 (7) "Department" means the department of health.

21 (8) "Device" means instruments, apparatus, and contrivances,
22 including their components, parts, and accessories, intended (a) for
23 use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of
24 disease in human beings or other animals, or (b) to affect the
25 structure or any function of the body of human beings or other
26 animals.

27 (9) "Dispense" means the interpretation of a prescription or
28 order for a drug, biological, or device and, pursuant to that
29 prescription or order, the proper selection, measuring, compounding,
30 labeling, or packaging necessary to prepare that prescription or
31 order for delivery.

32 (10) "Distribute" means the delivery of a drug or device other
33 than by administering or dispensing.

34 (11) "Drug" and "devices" do not include surgical or dental
35 instruments or laboratory materials, gas and oxygen, therapy
36 equipment, X-ray apparatus or therapeutic equipment, their component
37 parts or accessories, or equipment, instruments, apparatus, or
38 contrivances used to render such articles effective in medical,
39 surgical, or dental treatment, or for use or consumption in or for
40 mechanical, industrial, manufacturing, or scientific applications or

1 purposes. "Drug" also does not include any article or mixture covered
2 by the Washington pesticide control act (chapter 15.58 RCW), as
3 enacted or hereafter amended, nor medicated feed intended for and
4 used exclusively as a feed for animals other than human beings.

5 (12) "Drugs" means:

6 (a) Articles recognized in the official United States
7 pharmacopoeia or the official homeopathic pharmacopoeia of the United
8 States;

9 (b) Substances intended for use in the diagnosis, cure,
10 mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in human beings or
11 other animals;

12 (c) Substances (other than food) intended to affect the structure
13 or any function of the body of human beings or other animals; or

14 (d) Substances intended for use as a component of any substances
15 specified in (a), (b), or (c) of this subsection, but not including
16 devices or their component parts or accessories.

17 (13) "Health care entity" means an organization that provides
18 health care services in a setting that is not otherwise licensed by
19 the state. Health care entity includes a freestanding outpatient
20 surgery center or a freestanding cardiac care center. It does not
21 include an individual practitioner's office or a multipractitioner
22 clinic.

23 (14) "Labeling" means the process of preparing and affixing a
24 label to any drug or device container. The label must include all
25 information required by current federal and state law and pharmacy
26 rules.

27 (15) "Legend drugs" means any drugs which are required by any
28 applicable federal or state law or regulation to be dispensed on
29 prescription only or are restricted to use by practitioners only.

30 (16) "Manufacture" means the production, preparation,
31 propagation, compounding, or processing of a drug or other substance
32 or device or the packaging or repackaging of such substance or
33 device, or the labeling or relabeling of the commercial container of
34 such substance or device, but does not include the activities of a
35 practitioner who, as an incident to his or her administration or
36 dispensing such substance or device in the course of his or her
37 professional practice, personally prepares, compounds, packages, or
38 labels such substance or device. "Manufacture" includes the
39 distribution of a licensed pharmacy compounded drug product to other
40 state licensed persons or commercial entities for subsequent resale

1 or distribution, unless a specific product item has approval of the
2 (~~board [commission]~~) commission. The term does not include:

3 (a) The activities of a licensed pharmacy that compounds a
4 product on or in anticipation of an order of a licensed practitioner
5 for use in the course of their professional practice to administer to
6 patients, either personally or under their direct supervision;

7 (b) The practice of a licensed pharmacy when repackaging
8 commercially available medication in small, reasonable quantities for
9 a practitioner legally authorized to prescribe the medication for
10 office use only;

11 (c) The distribution of a drug product that has been compounded
12 by a licensed pharmacy to other appropriately licensed entities under
13 common ownership or control of the facility in which the compounding
14 takes place; or

15 (d) The delivery of finished and appropriately labeled compounded
16 products dispensed pursuant to a valid prescription to alternate
17 delivery locations, other than the patient's residence, when
18 requested by the patient, or the prescriber to administer to the
19 patient, or to another licensed pharmacy to dispense to the patient.

20 (17) "Manufacturer" means a person, corporation, or other entity
21 engaged in the manufacture of drugs or devices.

22 (18) "Nonlegend" or "nonprescription" drugs means any drugs which
23 may be lawfully sold without a prescription.

24 (19) "Person" means an individual, corporation, government,
25 governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust,
26 partnership or association, or any other legal entity.

27 (20) "Pharmacist" means a person duly licensed by the commission
28 to engage in the practice of pharmacy.

29 (21) "Pharmacy" means every place properly licensed by the
30 commission where the practice of pharmacy is conducted.

31 (22) "Poison" does not include any article or mixture covered by
32 the Washington pesticide control act (chapter 15.58 RCW), as enacted
33 or hereafter amended.

34 (23) "Practice of pharmacy" includes the practice of and
35 responsibility for:

36 (a) Interpreting prescription orders; the compounding,
37 dispensing, labeling, administering, and distributing of drugs and
38 devices; the monitoring of drug therapy and use; the initiating or
39 modifying of drug therapy in accordance with written guidelines or
40 protocols previously established and approved for his or her practice

1 by a practitioner authorized to prescribe drugs; the participating in
2 drug utilization reviews and drug product selection; the proper and
3 safe storing and distributing of drugs and devices and maintenance of
4 proper records thereof; the providing of information on legend drugs
5 which may include, but is not limited to, the advising of therapeutic
6 values, hazards, and the uses of drugs and devices;

7 (b) The administering, continuance, initiating, or modification
8 of a patient's drug therapy pursuant to a prescriber's authorization;

9 (c) The administering, continuance, initiating, or modification
10 of drug therapy related to the following, when the pharmacist
11 completes pharmacy quality assurance commission requirements and is
12 authorized by the commission for:

13 (i) Vaccine immunizations to patients three years of age and
14 older with the administration of emergency reaction medications as
15 approved by the pharmacy quality assurance commission;

16 (ii) Nicotine replacement and tobacco cessation for patients over
17 the age of sixteen years; and

18 (iii) Opioid reversal for the prevention of drug overdose.

19 (24) "Practitioner" means a physician, dentist, veterinarian,
20 nurse, or other person duly authorized by law or rule in the state of
21 Washington to prescribe drugs.

22 (25) "Prescription" means an order for drugs or devices issued by
23 a practitioner duly authorized by law or rule in the state of
24 Washington to prescribe drugs or devices in the course of his or her
25 professional practice for a legitimate medical purpose.

26 (26) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's
27 designee.

28 (27) "Wholesaler" means a corporation, individual, or other
29 entity which buys drugs or devices for resale and distribution to
30 corporations, individuals, or entities other than consumers.

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