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By Representatives Harris, Cody, and Riccelli

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1 AN ACT Relating to substance abuse monitoring for podiatric  
2 physicians and surgeons; and adding a new section to chapter 18.22  
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.22  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) To implement an impaired podiatric practitioner program as  
8 authorized by RCW 18.130.175, the board shall enter into a contract  
9 with a voluntary substance abuse monitoring program. The impaired  
10 podiatric practitioner program may include any or all of the  
11 following:

12 (a) Contracting with providers of treatment programs;

13 (b) Receiving and evaluating reports of suspected impairment from  
14 any source;

15 (c) Intervening in cases of verified impairment;

16 (d) Referring impaired podiatric practitioners to treatment  
17 programs;

18 (e) Monitoring the treatment and rehabilitation of impaired  
19 podiatric practitioners including those ordered by the board;

1 (f) Providing education, prevention of impairment, posttreatment  
2 monitoring, and support of rehabilitated impaired podiatric  
3 practitioners; and

4 (g) Performing other related activities as determined by the  
5 board.

6 (2) A contract entered into under subsection (1) of this section  
7 shall be financed by a surcharge of fifty dollars on each license  
8 issuance or renewal to be collected by the department from every  
9 podiatric practitioner licensed under this chapter. These moneys must  
10 be placed in the health professions account to be used solely for  
11 implementation of the impaired podiatric practitioner program.

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