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By Representatives Caldier, Orwall, McCabe, Gregerson, Jinkins, Cody, Pike, Senn, Wylie, and Shea

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1 AN ACT Relating to hospital notification of availability of
2 sexual assault evidence kit collection; adding a new section to
3 chapter 70.41 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.41
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Beginning July 1, 2019, any hospital that does not provide
8 sexual assault evidence kit collection or does not have a provider
9 available that can perform such collection, must notify any
10 individual presenting at the emergency department requesting or
11 requiring a sexual assault evidence kit collection that it does not
12 perform sexual assault evidence kit collection. The notice must:

13 (a) Be provided verbally and in writing, within two hours of
14 intake;

15 (b) List the nearest hospitals, health care facilities, and
16 health care practitioners, as available, that provide sexual assault
17 evidence kit collection;

18 (c) Be updated quarterly, as needed; and

19 (d) Include a statement in the written notice that the health
20 care facilities and practitioners listed may be out-of-network or
21 otherwise not covered by the individual's insurance.

1 (2) Failure of a hospital to comply with this section is
2 punishable by a civil penalty of two thousand dollars.

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