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**HOUSE BILL 1198**

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**By** Representatives Caldier, Cody, Harris, Orwall, Slatter, Macri, Wylie, Eslick, Doglio, Griffey, and Robinson

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring health care providers sanctioned for  
2 sexual misconduct to notify patients; adding a new section to chapter  
3 18.130 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.130  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) A licensee subject to this chapter that has been sanctioned  
8 by a disciplining authority for sexual misconduct must provide a  
9 disclosure to all patients before a patient's first visit with the  
10 licensee following the sanction while the licensee is subject to  
11 oversight by a disciplining authority.

12 (2) The disclosure must include the date of the sexual misconduct  
13 sanction, a description of all sanctions placed on the licensee by  
14 the disciplining authority, the duration of all sanctions, the  
15 disciplining authority's telephone number, and an explanation of how  
16 the patient can find more information about the licensee on the  
17 disciplining authority's online license information web site.

18 (3) The licensee must provide the patient or the patient's  
19 surrogate decision maker designated under RCW 7.70.065 with the  
20 disclosure, which must be signed by the patient or the surrogate  
21 decision maker.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    This act takes effect October 1, 2019.

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