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**SENATE BILL 5647**

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**By** Senators Randall, Keiser, Van De Wege, McCoy, Nguyen, Conway, Hunt, Takko, Honeyford, Wilson, C., Hasegawa, and Kuderer

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring health insurance payment parity for  
2 advanced registered nurse practitioners; and adding a new section to  
3 chapter 48.43 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 48.43  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) For plan years beginning January 1, 2020, a health carrier  
8 may not reimburse a contracted provider who is an advanced registered  
9 nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW in an amount less  
10 than the health carrier would reimburse for the same service if  
11 provided by a contracted provider who is a physician licensed under  
12 chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW in the same area served.

13 (2) A health carrier may not reduce the reimbursement amount paid  
14 to physicians licensed under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW to comply  
15 with this section.

16 (3) This section does not apply to employees of a health  
17 maintenance organization regulated under chapter 48.46 RCW.

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