
SENATE BILL 5836

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By Senators Fortunato and L. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to informed consent for COVID-19 vaccines; adding
2 a new section to chapter 18.130 RCW; creating a new section; and
3 prescribing penalties.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds there are health
6 risks associated with COVID-19 vaccines that the public should be
7 aware of in order to make informed personal health care decisions
8 related to vaccination. Although effective against the virus, the
9 vaccines also carry associated health risks especially in those with
10 a history of allergic reactions to vaccine ingredients. Therefore,
11 the legislature intends to require providers of the COVID-19 vaccines
12 to inform vaccine recipients of the potential health risks of the
13 COVID-19 vaccines at the time of vaccination to empower citizens to
14 make informed decisions about their health care.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.130
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 (1) Before administering a COVID-19 vaccine, a health care
18 provider licensed under this title must inform the patient in
19 writing:

1 (a) Of all potential adverse reactions to the vaccine identified
2 by centers for disease control and the food and drug administration,
3 including, but not limited to:
4 (i) Pain, redness, or swelling at the injection site;
5 (ii) Tiredness;
6 (iii) Headache;
7 (iv) Muscle pain;
8 (v) Chills;
9 (vi) Fever;
10 (vii) Nausea;
11 (viii) An increased risk of blood clots for certain populations;
12 and
13 (ix) An increased risk of heart inflammation for certain
14 populations.
15 (b) That adverse reactions to COVID-19 vaccines can pose the risk
16 of death; and
17 (c) That the first COVID-19 vaccines available in the United
18 States were approved by the food and drug administration under an
19 emergency use authorization.
20 (2) Before receiving the vaccine, the patient must certify in
21 writing that the information required to be provided under this
22 section has been provided and that they consent to receiving the
23 vaccine.
24 (3) Any provider who violates the provisions of this section is
25 guilty of unprofessional conduct and may be subject to penalties
26 pursuant to this chapter.

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