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**HOUSE BILL 1547**

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**By** Representatives Caldier, Christian, Volz, Eslick, Hutchins, and Graham

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the health care workforce by  
2 authorizing out-of-state providers to practice immediately; and  
3 adding a new chapter to Title 18 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Notwithstanding any law to the  
6 contrary, an out-of-state health care provider is authorized to  
7 practice in the state upon submission of information by a health care  
8 entity as required by this section.

9 (2) To obtain an authorization under subsection (1) of this  
10 section, a health care entity shall submit the following information  
11 to the department for each health care provider seeking authorization  
12 to practice in this state:

13 (a) The health care provider's name;

14 (b) The health care provider's residential address;

15 (c) The state or territory where the health care provider holds  
16 an active license and license number;

17 (d) The health care provider's email address;

18 (e) A signed attestation that confirms the following:

19 (i) The health care provider holds a current and active license  
20 in another state or United States territory;

1 (ii) The health care provider's license, in all jurisdictions  
2 where a license is held, has not been encumbered;

3 (iii) There are no liability or malpractice insurance claims or  
4 pending lawsuits against the health care provider; and

5 (iv) The health care provider will be practicing at a health care  
6 entity in Washington.

7 (3) A health care provider must maintain an active and  
8 unencumbered license in another state or United States territory at  
9 all times while practicing in this state pursuant to this section.

10 (4) The health care entity shall be responsible for the actions  
11 or inactions of the health care provider.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A health care provider authorized to  
13 practice under section 1 of this act is only authorized to provide  
14 the services and procedures authorized by the state in which the  
15 health care provider holds an active license.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The definitions in this section apply  
17 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires  
18 otherwise.

19 (1) "Department" means the department of health.

20 (2) "Health care entity" means hospitals licensed under chapter  
21 70.41 RCW, nursing homes licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW, behavioral  
22 health agencies licensed under chapter 71.05 or 71.24 RCW, ambulatory  
23 diagnostic, treatment, or surgical facilities licensed under chapter  
24 70.41 or 70.230 RCW, community health centers, and medical test sites  
25 licensed under chapter 70.42 RCW.

26 (3) "Health care provider" means a person regulated under this  
27 title to practice health or health-related services or otherwise  
28 practicing health care services in this state consistent with state  
29 law.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act  
31 constitute a new chapter in Title 18 RCW.

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