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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding the drugs eligible for the unexpired
2 prescription drug donation program; and amending RCW 69.70.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.70.050 and 2016 c 43 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Prescription drugs or supplies may be accepted and dispensed
7 under this chapter if all of the following conditions are met:

8 (a) The prescription drug is in:

9 (i) Its original sealed and tamper evident packaging; or

10 (ii) An opened package if it contains single unit doses that
11 remain intact;

12 (b) The prescription drug (~~bears an expiration date that is more~~
13 ~~than six months after the date the prescription drug was donated~~) is
14 not expired at the time of donation and sufficient time remains
15 before the drug's expiration so that it may be used by another
16 individual;

17 (c) The prescription drug or supplies are inspected before the
18 prescription drug or supplies are dispensed by a pharmacist employed
19 by or under contract with the pharmacy, and the pharmacist determines
20 that the prescription drug or supplies are not adulterated or
21 misbranded;

1 (d) The prescription drug or supplies are prescribed by a
2 practitioner for use by an eligible individual and are dispensed by a
3 pharmacist; and

4 (e) Any other safety precautions established by the department
5 have been satisfied.

6 (2) (a) If a person who donates prescription drugs or supplies to
7 a pharmacy under this chapter receives a notice that the donated
8 prescription drugs or supplies have been recalled, the person shall
9 notify the pharmacy of the recall.

10 (b) If a pharmacy that receives and distributes donated
11 prescription drugs to another pharmacy, pharmacist, or prescribing
12 practitioner under this chapter receives notice that the donated
13 prescription drugs or supplies have been recalled, the pharmacy shall
14 notify the other pharmacy, pharmacist, or prescribing practitioner of
15 the recall.

16 (c) If a person collecting or distributing donated prescription
17 drugs or supplies under this chapter receives a recall notice from
18 the drug manufacturer or the federal food and drug administration for
19 donated prescription drugs or supplies, the person shall immediately
20 remove all recalled medications from stock and comply with the
21 instructions in the recall notice.

22 (3) Prescription drugs and supplies donated under this chapter
23 may not be resold.

24 (4) Prescription drugs and supplies dispensed under this chapter
25 shall not be eligible for reimbursement of the prescription drug or
26 any related dispensing fees by any public or private health care
27 payer.

28 (5) A prescription drug that can only be dispensed to a patient
29 registered with the manufacturer of that drug, in accordance with the
30 requirements established by the federal food and drug administration,
31 may not be distributed under the program, unless the patient
32 receiving the prescription drug is registered with the manufacturer
33 at the time the drug is dispensed and the amount dispensed does not
34 exceed the duration of the registration period.

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