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**Health Care & Wellness Committee**

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**SB 6627**

**Brief Description:** Authorizing Washington pharmacies to fill prescriptions written by advanced registered nurse practitioners in other states or in certain provinces of Canada.

**Sponsors:** Senators Marr, Pflug, Keiser, Benton, Franklin, Fairley, Schoesler, Pridemore, Roach and Parlette.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Grants prescriptive authority to Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners in other states.

**Hearing Date:** 2/18/10

**Staff:** Jim Morishima (786-7191).

**Background:**

It is unlawful for any person, including a licensed Pharmacist, to sell, deliver, or possess any legend drug (i.e., a drug that may be dispensed by prescription only) except pursuant to a prescription issued by one of the following health care professionals licensed in Washington:

- a Physician;
- a Physician Assistant when authorized by the Medical Quality Assurance Commission;
- an Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon;
- an Osteopathic Physician Assistant when authorized by the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery;
- an Optometrist;
- a Dentist;
- a Podiatric Physician and Surgeon;
- a Registered Nurse or Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner when authorized by the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission; or
- a Veterinarian.

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Additionally, a person may lawfully sell, deliver, or possess a legend drug pursuant to a prescription issued by the following professionals in another state or British Columbia:

- a Physician;
- an Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon;
- a Dentist;
- a Podiatric Physician and Surgeon; or
- a Veterinarian.

**Summary of Bill:**

A person may lawfully sell, deliver, or possess any legend drug pursuant to a prescription issued by a licensed Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner in another state or British Columbia.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested February 15, 2010.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.