SENATE BILL 5100

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By Senators Shin, Carrell, Hobbs, and Swecker

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1 AN ACT Relating to the authority of occupational therapists to 2 purchase, store, and administer medications; and adding a new section 3 to chapter 18.59 RCW.

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

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 18.59 RCW 6 to read as follows:

7 An occupational therapist licensed under this chapter may purchase, store, and administer medications such as hydrocortisone, fluocinonide, 8 9 topical anesthetics, silver sulfadiazine, lidocaine, magnesium sulfate, zinc oxide, and other similar medications, and may administer such 10 11 other drugs or medications as prescribed by an authorized health care practitioner for the practice of occupational therapy. A pharmacist 12 13 who dispenses such drugs to a licensed occupational therapist is not 14 liable for any adverse reactions caused by any method of use by the 15 occupational therapist.

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