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1 AN ACT Relating to expired certifications for certain health 2 professions; amending RCW 18.88A.130; and adding a new section to 3 chapter 18.88B RCW.

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

5 Sec. 1. RCW 18.88A.130 and 2012 c 208 s 8 are each amended to 6 read as follows:

7 <u>(1)</u> Registrations, certifications, and medication assistant 8 endorsements shall be renewed according to administrative procedures, 9 administrative requirements, and fees determined by the secretary 10 under RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280.

11 (2) (a) A certificate that has been expired for five years or less 12 may be reinstated if the person holding the expired certificate:

(i) Completes an abbreviated application form;

14 (ii) Pays any necessary fees, including the current certification 15 fee, late renewal fees, and expired credential reissuance fees;

16 (iii) Provides a written declaration that no action has been 17 taken by a state or federal jurisdiction or hospital which would 18 prevent or restrict the person holding the expired certificate from 19 practicing as a certified nursing assistant; and

20 <u>(iv) Provides a written declaration that the person holding the</u> 21 <u>expired certificate has not voluntarily given up any credential or</u> 1 privilege or has not been restricted from practicing as a certified 2 nursing assistant in lieu of or to avoid formal action.

3 (b) In addition to meeting the requirements of (a) of this 4 subsection, a certificate that has been expired for more than five 5 years may be reinstated if the person holding the expired certificate 6 demonstrates competence to the standards established by the 7 commission and meets other requirements established by the secretary.

8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.88B 9 RCW to read as follows:

10 (1) A certificate that has been expired for five years or less 11 may be reinstated if the person holding the expired certificate:

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(a) Completes an abbreviated application form;

(b) Pays any necessary fees, including the current certification
fee, late renewal fees, and expired credential reissuance fees;

15 (c) Provides a written declaration that no action has been taken 16 by a state or federal jurisdiction or hospital which would prevent or 17 restrict the person holding the expired certificate from practicing 18 as a home care aide; and

(d) Provides a written declaration that the person holding the expired certificate has not voluntarily given up any credential or privilege or has not been restricted from practicing as a home care aide in lieu of or to avoid formal action.

(2) In addition to meeting the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, a certificate that has been expired for more than five years may be reinstated if the person holding the expired certificate demonstrates competence to the standards established by the secretary and meets other requirements established by the secretary.

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