
HOUSE BILL 2199

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By Representatives Boldt, Cody and Campbell

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1 AN ACT Relating to hepatitis A vaccine; and adding a new section to
2 chapter 43.70 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds that:

7 (a) Hepatitis A, a viral infection of the liver, is a serious
8 disease to which the severity increases with age;

9 (b) Transmission is highly variable spreading from person to person
10 directly or through contaminated food;

11 (c) The most effective means of preventing hepatitis A is through
12 universal immunization;

13 (d) Washington state's high rate of hepatitis A places it as one of
14 the top ten states in the nation; and

15 (e) The centers for disease control have established a vaccine
16 program that is without cost to states with such high rates of
17 hepatitis A.

18 (2) The department is directed to present a hepatitis A vaccination
19 plan, and seek funding for such a plan through the centers for disease

1 control's vaccination for children program, which may not require state
2 funding. If the department receives funding through the centers for
3 disease control, it shall promptly implement a vaccination program that
4 is consistent with the centers for disease control's requirements.

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