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HOUSE BILL 2860

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State of Washington

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By Representatives Nixon and Ruderman

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1 AN ACT Relating to licenses, certificates, endorsements, and  
2 registrations for health professions and health-related enterprises;  
3 and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is evidence  
6 that some state licenses and certificates are being counterfeited. As  
7 a result, people without proper training and where required, background  
8 checks, are obtaining employment, often with our most vulnerable  
9 citizens. Because of the ease of counterfeiting these documents, there  
10 are many opportunities for fraud, theft, and abuse. Therefore, the  
11 legislature finds that in order to ensure the authenticity of these  
12 documents, there should be an inquiry into (1) requiring that licenses,  
13 certificates, endorsements, and registrations for health professions  
14 and health-related enterprises be printed on paper that is resistant to  
15 counterfeiting and (2) a means for verifying such authenticity in  
16 real-time by internet or telephone.

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