

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5448

64th Legislature
2015 Regular Session

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Yeas 48 Nays 0

President of the Senate

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Yeas 85 Nays 12

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5448** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senate Health Care (originally sponsored by Senator Hatfield)

READ FIRST TIME 02/11/15.

1 AN ACT Relating to the treatment of Lyme disease; creating a new
2 section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The medical quality assurance
5 commission shall do a study of the effects of long-term antibiotic
6 therapy on patients who have been diagnosed with posttreatment Lyme
7 disease syndrome. The study should include a review of:

8 (a) The antibiotics that are commonly used, prescribed, and
9 administered for the long-term treatment of Lyme disease;

10 (b) The side effects associated with long-term antibiotic
11 therapy;

12 (c) The effectiveness of long-term antibiotic therapy of
13 controlling symptoms for patients who have posttreatment Lyme disease
14 syndrome;

15 (d) Whether allowing physicians in Washington state to administer
16 long-term antibiotic therapy for treating Lyme disease would be
17 beneficial to the health and safety of Washington residents; and

18 (e) Any other aspects of long-term antibiotic therapy that the
19 commission deems important for the health and safety of patients who
20 may receive these treatments.

1 (2) The medical quality assurance commission shall report its
2 findings to the governor and the health care committees of the
3 legislature by December 1, 2015.

4 (3) This section expires July 1, 2016.

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