

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5448**

Chapter 89, Laws of 2015

64th Legislature  
2015 Regular Session

LYME DISEASE--STUDY

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/24/2015

Passed by the Senate March 3, 2015  
Yeas 48 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 10, 2015  
Yeas 85 Nays 12

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved April 24, 2015 3:37 PM

JAY INSLEE

**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.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

**Secretary**

FILED

April 25, 2015

**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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