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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1339**

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**By** House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Harris, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Lovick, Ormsby, and Slatter)

READ FIRST TIME 02/17/17.

1            AN ACT Relating to restrictions on prescriptions for opioid  
2 drugs; and adding a new section to chapter 18.130 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 18.130  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6            (1) In order to prescribe an opioid drug, a practitioner must  
7 annually complete continuing education regarding best practices in  
8 the prescribing of opioid drugs. The continuing education must be at  
9 least one hour in length. A disciplining authority may adopt  
10 additional continuing education requirements related to the  
11 prescribing of opioid drugs.

12            (2)(a) By January 1, 2018, each disciplining authority shall  
13 adopt rules establishing requirements for prescribing opioid drugs.  
14 The rules must be consistent with the interagency guideline for  
15 prescribing opioids for pain developed by the Washington state agency  
16 medical directors' group.

17            (b) A practitioner who violates the rules adopted by the  
18 disciplining authority under (a) of this subsection (2) commits  
19 unprofessional conduct in violation of RCW 18.130.180.

20            (3) For purposes of this section:

1       (a) "Disciplining authority" means the agency, board, or  
2 commission having the authority to take disciplinary action against a  
3 practitioner upon a finding of a violation of this chapter or a  
4 chapter specified under RCW 18.130.040.

5       (b) "Opioid drug" has the same meaning as "opiate" in RCW  
6 69.50.101. It does not include opioid overdose medications or  
7 medications approved by the federal food and drug administration for  
8 the treatment of opioid use disorder.

9       (c) "Practitioner" means a health professional licensed under one  
10 of the chapters specified in RCW 18.130.040 who is authorized to  
11 prescribe opioid drugs.

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