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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring the use of single name identifiers for  
2 persons obtaining controlled substances; and amending RCW 69.50.403.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.50.403 and 1993 c 187 s 21 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (a) It is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally:

7 (1) To distribute as a registrant a controlled substance classified  
8 in Schedules I or II, except pursuant to an order form as required by  
9 RCW 69.50.307;

10 (2) To use in the course of the manufacture, distribution, or  
11 dispensing of a controlled substance, or to use for the purpose of  
12 acquiring or obtaining a controlled substance, a registration number  
13 which is fictitious, revoked, suspended, or issued to another person;

14 (3) To obtain or attempt to obtain a controlled substance, or  
15 procure or attempt to procure the administration of a controlled  
16 substance, (i) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge; or  
17 (ii) by forgery or alteration of a prescription or any written order;  
18 or (iii) by the concealment of material fact; or (iv) by the use of a  
19 false name or the giving of a false address.

1 (4) To falsely assume the title of, or represent herself or himself  
2 to be, a manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacist, physician, dentist,  
3 veterinarian, or other authorized person for the purpose of obtaining  
4 a controlled substance.

5 (5) To make or utter any false or forged prescription or false or  
6 forged written order.

7 (6) To affix any false or forged label to a package or receptacle  
8 containing controlled substances.

9 (7) To furnish false or fraudulent material information in, or omit  
10 any material information from, any application, report, or other  
11 document required to be kept or filed under this chapter, or any record  
12 required to be kept by this chapter; or

13 (8) To possess a false or fraudulent prescription with intent to  
14 obtain a controlled substance.

15 (9) To attempt to illegally obtain controlled substances by  
16 providing more than one name to a practitioner or pharmacist when  
17 obtaining a prescription for a controlled substance. If a person's  
18 name is legally changed during the time period that he or she is  
19 receiving health care from a practitioner or pharmacist, the person  
20 shall inform all providers of care so that the medical and pharmacy  
21 records for the person may be filed under a single name identifier.

22 (b) Information communicated to a practitioner in an effort  
23 unlawfully to procure a controlled substance or unlawfully to procure  
24 the administration of such substance, shall not be deemed a privileged  
25 communication.

26 (c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a crime and  
27 upon conviction may be imprisoned for not more than two years, or fined  
28 not more than two thousand dollars, or both.

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