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CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5365** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary of State  
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**By** Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Fairley, Deccio, Wojahn and Winsley; by request of Department of Health)

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1            AN ACT Relating to the uniform disciplinary act; amending RCW  
2 18.130.020, 18.130.060, 18.130.095, 18.130.098, 18.130.170, and  
3 18.130.180; reenacting and amending RCW 18.130.040 and 18.130.050;  
4 adding a new section to chapter 18.30 RCW; adding a new section to  
5 chapter 18.130 RCW; adding a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

7            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.130.020 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 602 are each amended  
8 to read as follows:

9            Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
10 this section apply throughout this chapter.

11            (1) "Disciplining authority" means the agency, board, or commission  
12 having the authority to take disciplinary action against a holder of,  
13 or applicant for, a professional or business license upon a finding of  
14 a violation of this chapter or a chapter specified under RCW  
15 18.130.040.

16            (2) "Department" means the department of health.

17            (3) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's  
18 designee.

19            (4) "Board" means any of those boards specified in RCW 18.130.040.

1 (5) "Commission" means any of the commissions specified in RCW  
2 18.130.040.

3 (6) "Unlicensed practice" means:

4 (a) Practicing a profession or operating a business identified in  
5 RCW 18.130.040 without holding a valid, unexpired, unrevoked, and  
6 unsuspended license to do so; or

7 (b) Representing to a consumer, through offerings, advertisements,  
8 or use of a professional title or designation, that the individual is  
9 qualified to practice a profession or operate a business identified in  
10 RCW 18.130.040, without holding a valid, unexpired, unrevoked, and  
11 unsuspended license to do so.

12 (7) "Disciplinary action" means sanctions identified in RCW  
13 18.130.160.

14 (8) "Practice review" means an investigative audit of records  
15 related to the complaint, without prior identification of specific  
16 patient or consumer names, or an assessment of the conditions,  
17 circumstances, and methods of the professional's practice related to  
18 the complaint, to determine whether unprofessional conduct may have  
19 been committed.

20 (9) "Health agency" means city and county health departments and  
21 the department of health.

22 (10) "License," "licensing," and "licensure" shall be deemed  
23 equivalent to the terms "license," "licensing," "licensure,"  
24 "certificate," "certification," and "registration" as those terms are  
25 defined in RCW 18.120.020.

26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.130.040 and 1995 c 1 s 19 (Initiative Measure No.  
27 607), 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 603, and 1994 c 17 s 19 are each reenacted and  
28 amended to read as follows:

29 (1) This chapter applies only to the secretary and the boards and  
30 commissions having jurisdiction in relation to the professions licensed  
31 under the chapters specified in this section. This chapter does not  
32 apply to any business or profession not licensed under the chapters  
33 specified in this section.

34 (2)(a) The secretary has authority under this chapter in relation  
35 to the following professions:

36 (i) Dispensing opticians licensed under chapter 18.34 RCW;

37 (ii) Naturopaths licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW;

38 (iii) Midwives licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW;

1 (iv) Ocularists licensed under chapter 18.55 RCW;  
2 (v) Massage operators and businesses licensed under chapter 18.108  
3 RCW;  
4 (vi) Dental hygienists licensed under chapter 18.29 RCW;  
5 (vii) Acupuncturists certified under chapter 18.06 RCW;  
6 (viii) Radiologic technologists certified and x-ray technicians  
7 registered under chapter 18.84 RCW;  
8 (ix) Respiratory care practitioners certified under chapter 18.89  
9 RCW;  
10 (x) Persons registered or certified under chapter 18.19 RCW;  
11 (xi) Persons registered as nursing pool operators under chapter  
12 18.52C RCW;  
13 (xii) Nursing assistants registered or certified under chapter  
14 18.79 RCW;  
15 (xiii) Health care assistants certified under chapter 18.135 RCW;  
16 (xiv) Dietitians and nutritionists certified under chapter 18.138  
17 RCW;  
18 (xv) Sex offender treatment providers certified under chapter  
19 18.155 RCW; ((and))  
20 (xvi) Persons licensed and certified under chapter 18.73 RCW or RCW  
21 18.71.205; and  
22 (xvii) Denturists licensed under chapter 18.30 RCW.  
23 (b) The boards and commissions having authority under this chapter  
24 are as follows:  
25 (i) The podiatric medical board as established in chapter 18.22  
26 RCW;  
27 (ii) The chiropractic quality assurance commission as established  
28 in chapter 18.25 RCW;  
29 (iii) The dental quality assurance commission as established in  
30 chapter 18.32 RCW;  
31 (iv) The board on fitting and dispensing of hearing aids as  
32 established in chapter 18.35 RCW;  
33 (v) The board of examiners for nursing home administrators as  
34 established in chapter 18.52 RCW;  
35 (vi) The optometry board as established in chapter 18.54 RCW  
36 governing licenses issued under chapter 18.53 RCW;  
37 (vii) The board of osteopathic medicine and surgery as established  
38 in chapter 18.57 RCW governing licenses issued under chapters 18.57 and  
39 18.57A RCW;

1 (viii) The board of pharmacy as established in chapter 18.64 RCW  
2 governing licenses issued under chapters 18.64 and 18.64A RCW;

3 (ix) The medical quality assurance commission as established in  
4 chapter 18.71 RCW governing licenses and registrations issued under  
5 chapters 18.71 and 18.71A RCW;

6 (x) The board of physical therapy as established in chapter 18.74  
7 RCW;

8 (xi) The board of occupational therapy practice as established in  
9 chapter 18.59 RCW;

10 (xii) The nursing care quality assurance commission as established  
11 in chapter 18.79 RCW governing licenses issued under that chapter;

12 (xiii) The examining board of psychology and its disciplinary  
13 committee as established in chapter 18.83 RCW; and

14 (xiv) The veterinary board of governors as established in chapter  
15 18.92 RCW(~~and~~

16 ~~(xv) Denturists licensed under chapter 18.30 RCW)).~~

17 (3) In addition to the authority to discipline license holders, the  
18 disciplining authority has the authority to grant or deny licenses  
19 based on the conditions and criteria established in this chapter and  
20 the chapters specified in subsection (2) of this section. This chapter  
21 also governs any investigation, hearing, or proceeding relating to  
22 denial of licensure or issuance of a license conditioned on the  
23 applicant's compliance with an order entered pursuant to RCW 18.130.160  
24 by the disciplining authority.

25 (4) All disciplining authorities shall adopt procedures to ensure  
26 substantially consistent application of this chapter, the uniform  
27 disciplinary act, among the disciplining authorities listed in  
28 subsection (2) of this section.

29 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 18.30 RCW  
30 to read as follows:

31 The uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW, shall govern the  
32 issuance and denial of licenses, unauthorized practice, and the  
33 discipline of persons licensed under this chapter. The secretary shall  
34 be the disciplinary authority under this chapter.

35 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.130.050 and 1993 c 367 s 21 and 1993 c 367 s 5 are  
36 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

37 The disciplining authority has the following authority:

- 1 (1) To adopt, amend, and rescind such rules as are deemed necessary  
2 to carry out this chapter;
- 3 (2) To investigate all complaints or reports of unprofessional  
4 conduct as defined in this chapter and to hold hearings as provided in  
5 this chapter;
- 6 (3) To issue subpoenas and administer oaths in connection with any  
7 investigation, hearing, or proceeding held under this chapter;
- 8 (4) To take or cause depositions to be taken and use other  
9 discovery procedures as needed in any investigation, hearing, or  
10 proceeding held under this chapter;
- 11 (5) To compel attendance of witnesses at hearings;
- 12 (6) In the course of investigating a complaint or report of  
13 unprofessional conduct, to conduct practice reviews;
- 14 (7) To take emergency action ordering summary suspension of a  
15 license, or restriction or limitation of the licensee's practice  
16 pending proceedings by the disciplining authority;
- 17 (8) To use a presiding officer as authorized in RCW 18.130.095(3)  
18 or the office of administrative hearings as authorized in chapter 34.12  
19 RCW to conduct hearings. ((However,)) The disciplining authority shall  
20 make the final decision regarding disposition of the license unless the  
21 disciplining authority elects to delegate in writing the final decision  
22 to the presiding officer;
- 23 (9) To use individual members of the boards to direct  
24 investigations. However, the member of the board shall not  
25 subsequently participate in the hearing of the case;
- 26 (10) To enter into contracts for professional services determined  
27 to be necessary for adequate enforcement of this chapter;
- 28 (11) To contract with licensees or other persons or organizations  
29 to provide services necessary for the monitoring and supervision of  
30 licensees who are placed on probation, whose professional activities  
31 are restricted, or who are for any authorized purpose subject to  
32 monitoring by the disciplining authority;
- 33 (12) To adopt standards of professional conduct or practice;
- 34 (13) To grant or deny license applications, and in the event of a  
35 finding of unprofessional conduct by an applicant or license holder, to  
36 impose any sanction against a license applicant or license holder  
37 provided by this chapter;
- 38 (14) To designate individuals authorized to sign subpoenas and  
39 statements of charges;

1 (15) To establish panels consisting of three or more members of the  
2 board to perform any duty or authority within the board's jurisdiction  
3 under this chapter;

4 (16) To review and audit the records of licensed health facilities'  
5 or services' quality assurance committee decisions in which a  
6 licensee's practice privilege or employment is terminated or  
7 restricted. Each health facility or service shall produce and make  
8 accessible to the disciplining authority the appropriate records and  
9 otherwise facilitate the review and audit. Information so gained shall  
10 not be subject to discovery or introduction into evidence in any civil  
11 action pursuant to RCW 70.41.200(3).

12 **Sec. 5.** RCW 18.130.060 and 1991 c 3 s 269 are each amended to read  
13 as follows:

14 In addition to the authority specified in RCW 18.130.050, the  
15 secretary has the following additional authority:

16 (1) To employ such investigative, administrative, and clerical  
17 staff as necessary for the enforcement of this chapter;

18 (2) Upon the request of a board, to appoint not more than three pro  
19 tem members for the purpose of participating as members of one or more  
20 committees of the board in connection with proceedings specifically  
21 identified in the request. Individuals so appointed must meet the same  
22 minimum qualifications as regular members of the board. While serving  
23 as board members pro tem, persons so appointed have all the powers,  
24 duties, and immunities, and are entitled to the emoluments, including  
25 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060, of  
26 regular members of the board. The chairperson of a committee shall be  
27 a regular member of the board appointed by the board chairperson.  
28 Committees have authority to act as directed by the board with respect  
29 to all matters concerning the review, investigation, and adjudication  
30 of all complaints, allegations, charges, and matters subject to the  
31 jurisdiction of the board. The authority to act through committees  
32 does not restrict the authority of the board to act as a single body at  
33 any phase of proceedings within the board's jurisdiction. Board  
34 committees may make interim orders and issue final decisions with  
35 respect to matters and cases delegated to the committee by the board.  
36 Final decisions may be appealed as provided in chapter 34.05 RCW, the  
37 Administrative Procedure Act;

1 (3) To establish fees to be paid for witnesses, expert witnesses,  
2 and consultants used in any investigation and to establish fees to  
3 witnesses in any agency adjudicative proceeding as authorized by RCW  
4 34.05.446;

5 (4) To conduct investigations and practice reviews at the direction  
6 of the disciplining authority and to issue subpoenas, administer oaths,  
7 and take depositions in the course of conducting those investigations  
8 and practice reviews at the direction of the disciplining authority;

9 (5) To have the health professions regulatory program establish a  
10 system to recruit potential public members, to review the  
11 qualifications of such potential members, and to provide orientation to  
12 those public members appointed pursuant to law by the governor or the  
13 secretary to the boards and commissions specified in RCW  
14 18.130.040(2)(b), and to the advisory committees and councils for  
15 professions specified in RCW 18.130.040(2)(a).

16 **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.130.095 and 1993 c 367 s 2 are each amended to read  
17 as follows:

18 (1) The secretary, in consultation with the disciplining  
19 authorities, shall develop uniform procedural rules to respond to  
20 public inquiries concerning complaints and their disposition, active  
21 investigations, statement of charges, findings of fact, and final  
22 orders involving a licensee, applicant, or unlicensed person. The  
23 uniform procedural rules adopted under this subsection apply to all  
24 adjudicative proceedings conducted under this chapter and shall include  
25 provisions for the establishing time (~~lines~~) periods for assessment,  
26 investigation, charging, discovery, settlement, and (~~scheduling~~  
27 hearings)) adjudication of complaints, and shall include enforcement  
28 provisions for violations of the specific time periods by the  
29 department, the disciplining authority, and the respondent.

30 (2) The uniform procedures for conducting investigations shall  
31 provide that prior to taking a written statement:

32 (a) For violation of this chapter, the investigator shall inform  
33 such person, in writing of: (i) The nature of the complaint; (ii) that  
34 the person may consult with legal counsel at his or her expense prior  
35 to making a statement; and (iii) that any statement that the person  
36 makes may be used in an adjudicative proceeding conducted under this  
37 chapter; and



1 (b) From a witness or potential witness in an investigation under  
2 this chapter, the investigator shall inform the person, in writing,  
3 that the statement may be released to the licensee, applicant, or  
4 unlicensed person under investigation if a statement of charges is  
5 issued.

6 (3) Only upon the authorization of a ~~((disciplinary))~~ disciplining  
7 authority identified in RCW 18.130.040(2)(b), the secretary, or his or  
8 her designee, may serve as the presiding officer for any disciplinary  
9 proceedings of the ~~((disciplinary))~~ disciplining authority authorized  
10 under this chapter. Except as provided in RCW 18.130.050(8), the  
11 presiding officer shall not vote on or make any final decision. All  
12 functions performed by the presiding officer shall be subject to  
13 chapter 34.05 RCW. The secretary, in consultation with the  
14 ~~((disciplinary))~~ disciplining authorities, shall adopt procedures for  
15 implementing this subsection. ~~((This subsection shall not apply to the~~  
16 ~~board of funeral directors and embalmers.))~~

17 (4) The uniform procedural rules shall be adopted by all  
18 disciplining authorities listed in RCW 18.130.040(2), and shall be used  
19 for all adjudicative proceedings conducted under this chapter, as  
20 defined by chapter 34.05 RCW. The uniform procedural rules shall  
21 address the use of a presiding officer authorized in subsection (3) of  
22 this section to determine and issue decisions on all legal issues and  
23 motions arising during adjudicative proceedings.

24 **Sec. 7.** RCW 18.130.098 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 604 are each amended  
25 to read as follows:

26 (1) The settlement process must be substantially uniform for  
27 licensees governed by ~~((regulatory entities having authority))~~  
28 disciplining authorities under this chapter. The disciplinary  
29 authorities may also use alternative dispute resolution to resolve  
30 complaints during adjudicative proceedings.

31 (2) Disclosure of the identity of reviewing disciplining authority  
32 members who participate in the settlement process is available to the  
33 respondent~~((s))~~ or ~~((their legal))~~ his or her representative upon  
34 request.

35 (3) The settlement conference will occur only if a settlement is  
36 not achieved through written documents. The respondent((s)) will have  
37 the opportunity to conference either by phone or in person with the  
38 reviewing disciplining authority member if the respondent chooses. The

1 respondent((s)) may also have ((their)) his or her attorney conference  
2 either by phone or in person with the reviewing disciplining authority  
3 member without the respondent being present personally.

4 (4) If the respondent wants to meet in person with the reviewing  
5 disciplining authority member, he or she will travel to the reviewing  
6 ((disciplinary)) disciplining authority member and have such a  
7 conference with ((the attorney general)) a department representative in  
8 attendance either by phone or in person.

9 **Sec. 8.** RCW 18.130.170 and 1987 c 150 s 6 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 (1) If the disciplining authority believes a license holder or  
12 applicant may be unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to  
13 consumers by reason of any mental or physical condition, a statement of  
14 charges in the name of the disciplining authority shall be served on  
15 the license holder or applicant and notice shall also be issued  
16 providing an opportunity for a hearing. The hearing shall be limited  
17 to the sole issue of the capacity of the license holder or applicant to  
18 practice with reasonable skill and safety. If the disciplining  
19 authority determines that the license holder or applicant is unable to  
20 practice with reasonable skill and safety for one of the reasons stated  
21 in this subsection, the disciplining authority shall impose such  
22 sanctions under RCW 18.130.160 as is deemed necessary to protect the  
23 public.

24 (2)(a) In investigating or adjudicating a complaint or report that  
25 a license holder or applicant may be unable to practice with reasonable  
26 skill or safety by reason of any mental or physical condition, the  
27 disciplining authority may require a license holder or applicant to  
28 submit to a mental or physical examination by one or more licensed or  
29 certified health professionals designated by the disciplining  
30 authority. The license holder or applicant shall be provided written  
31 notice of the disciplining authority's intent to order a mental or  
32 physical examination, which notice shall include: (i) A statement of  
33 the specific conduct, event, or circumstances justifying an  
34 examination; (ii) a summary of the evidence supporting the disciplining  
35 authority's concern that the license holder or applicant may be unable  
36 to practice with reasonable skill and safety by reason of a mental or  
37 physical condition, and the grounds for believing such evidence to be  
38 credible and reliable; (iii) a statement of the nature, purpose, scope,

1 and content of the intended examination; (iv) a statement that the  
2 license holder or applicant has the right to respond in writing within  
3 twenty days to challenge the disciplining authority's grounds for  
4 ordering an examination or to challenge the manner or form of the  
5 examination; and (v) a statement that if the license holder or  
6 applicant timely responds to the notice of intent, then the license  
7 holder or applicant will not be required to submit to the examination  
8 while the response is under consideration.

9 (b) Upon submission of a timely response to the notice of intent  
10 to order a mental or physical examination, the license holder or  
11 applicant shall have an opportunity to respond to or refute such an  
12 order by submission of evidence or written argument or both. The  
13 evidence and written argument supporting and opposing the mental or  
14 physical examination shall be reviewed by either a panel of the  
15 disciplining authority members who have not been involved with the  
16 allegations against the license holder or applicant or a neutral  
17 decision maker approved by the disciplining authority. The reviewing  
18 panel of the disciplining authority or the approved neutral decision  
19 maker may, in its discretion, ask for oral argument from the parties.  
20 The reviewing panel of the disciplining authority or the approved  
21 neutral decision maker shall prepare a written decision as to whether:  
22 There is reasonable cause to believe that the license holder or  
23 applicant may be unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety by  
24 reason of a mental or physical condition, or the manner or form of the  
25 mental or physical examination is appropriate, or both.

26 (c) Upon receipt by the disciplining authority of the written  
27 decision, or upon the failure of the license holder or applicant to  
28 timely respond to the notice of intent, the disciplining authority may  
29 issue an order requiring the license holder or applicant to undergo a  
30 mental or physical examination. All such mental or physical  
31 examinations shall be narrowly tailored to address only the alleged  
32 mental or physical condition and the ability of the license holder or  
33 applicant to practice with reasonable skill and safety. An order of  
34 the disciplining authority requiring the license holder or applicant to  
35 undergo a mental or physical examination is not a final order for  
36 purposes of appeal. The cost of the examinations ordered by the  
37 disciplining authority shall be paid out of the health professions  
38 account. In addition to any examinations ordered by the disciplining  
39 authority, the licensee may submit physical or mental examination

1 reports from licensed or certified health professionals of the license  
2 holder's or applicant's choosing and expense. ((Failure of a license  
3 holder or applicant to submit to examination when directed constitutes  
4 grounds for immediate suspension or denial of the license, consequent  
5 upon which a default and final order may be entered without the taking  
6 of testimony or presentations of evidence, unless the failure was due  
7 to circumstances beyond the person's control.))

8 (d) If the disciplining authority finds that a license holder or  
9 applicant has failed to submit to a properly ordered mental or physical  
10 examination, then the disciplining authority may order appropriate  
11 action or discipline under RCW 18.130.180(9), unless the failure was  
12 due to circumstances beyond the person's control. However, no such  
13 action or discipline may be imposed unless the license holder or  
14 applicant has had the notice and opportunity to challenge the  
15 disciplining authority's grounds for ordering the examination, to  
16 challenge the manner and form, to assert any other defenses, and to  
17 have such challenges or defenses considered by either a panel of the  
18 disciplining authority members who have not been involved with the  
19 allegations against the license holder or applicant or a neutral  
20 decision maker approved by the disciplining authority, as previously  
21 set forth in this section. Further, the action or discipline ordered  
22 by the disciplining authority shall not be more severe than a  
23 suspension of the license, certification, registration or application  
24 until such time as the license holder or applicant complies with the  
25 properly ordered mental or physical examination.

26 (e) Nothing in this section shall restrict the power of a  
27 disciplining authority to act in an emergency under RCW 34.05.422(4),  
28 34.05.479, and 18.130.050(7).

29 (f) A determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that a  
30 license holder or applicant is mentally incompetent or mentally ill is  
31 presumptive evidence of the license holder's or applicant's inability  
32 to practice with reasonable skill and safety. An individual affected  
33 under this section shall at reasonable intervals be afforded an  
34 opportunity, at his or her expense, to demonstrate that the individual  
35 can resume competent practice with reasonable skill and safety to the  
36 consumer.

37 (3) For the purpose of subsection (2) of this section, an applicant  
38 or license holder governed by this chapter, by making application,  
39 practicing, or filing a license renewal, is deemed to have given

1 consent to submit to a mental, physical, or psychological examination  
2 when directed in writing by the disciplining authority and further to  
3 have waived all objections to the admissibility or use of the examining  
4 health professional's testimony or examination reports by the  
5 disciplining authority on the ground that the testimony or reports  
6 constitute privileged communications.

7 **Sec. 9.** RCW 18.130.180 and 1993 c 367 s 22 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 The following conduct, acts, or conditions constitute  
10 unprofessional conduct for any license holder or applicant under the  
11 jurisdiction of this chapter:

12 (1) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude,  
13 dishonesty, or corruption relating to the practice of the person's  
14 profession, whether the act constitutes a crime or not. If the act  
15 constitutes a crime, conviction in a criminal proceeding is not a  
16 condition precedent to disciplinary action. Upon such a conviction,  
17 however, the judgment and sentence is conclusive evidence at the  
18 ensuing disciplinary hearing of the guilt of the license holder or  
19 applicant of the crime described in the indictment or information, and  
20 of the person's violation of the statute on which it is based. For the  
21 purposes of this section, conviction includes all instances in which a  
22 plea of guilty or nolo contendere is the basis for the conviction and  
23 all proceedings in which the sentence has been deferred or suspended.  
24 Nothing in this section abrogates rights guaranteed under chapter 9.96A  
25 RCW;

26 (2) Misrepresentation or concealment of a material fact in  
27 obtaining a license or in reinstatement thereof;

28 (3) All advertising which is false, fraudulent, or misleading;

29 (4) Incompetence, negligence, or malpractice which results in  
30 injury to a patient or which creates an unreasonable risk that a  
31 patient may be harmed. The use of a nontraditional treatment by itself  
32 shall not constitute unprofessional conduct, provided that it does not  
33 result in injury to a patient or create an unreasonable risk that a  
34 patient may be harmed;

35 (5) Suspension, revocation, or restriction of the individual's  
36 license to practice (~~the~~) any health care profession by competent  
37 authority in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction, a certified

1 copy of the order, stipulation, or agreement being conclusive evidence  
2 of the revocation, suspension, or restriction;

3 (6) The possession, use, prescription for use, or distribution of  
4 controlled substances or legend drugs in any way other than for  
5 legitimate or therapeutic purposes, diversion of controlled substances  
6 or legend drugs, the violation of any drug law, or prescribing  
7 controlled substances for oneself;

8 (7) Violation of any state or federal statute or administrative  
9 rule regulating the profession in question, including any statute or  
10 rule defining or establishing standards of patient care or professional  
11 conduct or practice;

12 (8) Failure to cooperate with the disciplining authority by:

13 (a) Not furnishing any papers or documents;

14 (b) Not furnishing in writing a full and complete explanation  
15 covering the matter contained in the complaint filed with the  
16 disciplining authority; ((or))

17 (c) Not responding to subpoenas issued by the disciplining  
18 authority, whether or not the recipient of the subpoena is the accused  
19 in the proceeding; or

20 (d) Not providing reasonable and timely access for authorized  
21 representatives of the disciplining authority seeking to perform  
22 practice reviews at facilities utilized by the license holder;

23 (9) Failure to comply with an order issued by the ((disciplinary))  
24 disciplining authority or a stipulation for informal disposition  
25 entered into with the ((disciplinary)) disciplining authority;

26 (10) Aiding or abetting an unlicensed person to practice when a  
27 license is required;

28 (11) Violations of rules established by any health agency;

29 (12) Practice beyond the scope of practice as defined by law or  
30 rule;

31 (13) Misrepresentation or fraud in any aspect of the conduct of the  
32 business or profession;

33 (14) Failure to adequately supervise auxiliary staff to the extent  
34 that the consumer's health or safety is at risk;

35 (15) Engaging in a profession involving contact with the public  
36 while suffering from a contagious or infectious disease involving  
37 serious risk to public health;

38 (16) Promotion for personal gain of any unnecessary or  
39 inefficacious drug, device, treatment, procedure, or service;

1 (17) Conviction of any gross misdemeanor or felony relating to the  
2 practice of the person's profession. For the purposes of this  
3 subsection, conviction includes all instances in which a plea of guilty  
4 or nolo contendere is the basis for conviction and all proceedings in  
5 which the sentence has been deferred or suspended. Nothing in this  
6 section abrogates rights guaranteed under chapter 9.96A RCW;

7 (18) The procuring, or aiding or abetting in procuring, a criminal  
8 abortion;

9 (19) The offering, undertaking, or agreeing to cure or treat  
10 disease by a secret method, procedure, treatment, or medicine, or the  
11 treating, operating, or prescribing for any health condition by a  
12 method, means, or procedure which the licensee refuses to divulge upon  
13 demand of the disciplining authority;

14 (20) The willful betrayal of a practitioner-patient privilege as  
15 recognized by law;

16 (21) Violation of chapter 19.68 RCW;

17 (22) Interference with an investigation or disciplinary proceeding  
18 by willful misrepresentation of facts before the disciplining authority  
19 or its authorized representative, or by the use of threats or  
20 harassment against any patient or witness to prevent them from  
21 providing evidence in a disciplinary proceeding or any other legal  
22 action, or by the use of financial inducements to any patient or  
23 witness to prevent or attempt to prevent him or her from providing  
24 evidence in a disciplinary proceeding;

25 (23) Current misuse of:

26 (a) Alcohol;

27 (b) Controlled substances; or

28 (c) Legend drugs;

29 (24) Abuse of a client or patient or sexual contact with a client  
30 or patient;

31 (25) Acceptance of more than a nominal gratuity, hospitality, or  
32 subsidy offered by a representative or vendor of medical or health-  
33 related products or services intended for patients, in contemplation of  
34 a sale or for use in research publishable in professional journals,  
35 where a conflict of interest is presented, as defined by rules of the  
36 disciplining authority, in consultation with the department, based on  
37 recognized professional ethical standards.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 10.**    The secretary of health shall coordinate  
2 and assist the regulatory boards and commissions of the health  
3 professions with prescriptive authority in the development of uniform  
4 guidelines for addressing opiate therapy for acute pain, and chronic  
5 pain associated with cancer and other terminal diseases, or other  
6 chronic or intractable pain conditions.    The purpose of the guidelines  
7 is to assure the provision of effective medical treatment in accordance  
8 with recognized national standards and consistent with requirements of  
9 the public health and safety.

10       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 11.**    Sections 2 and 3 of this act are necessary  
11 for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety,  
12 or support of the state government and its existing public  
13 institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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