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**SENATE BILL 6362**

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**By** Senators Deccio, Wojahn, Wood and Winsley; by request of Department of Health

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1       AN ACT Relating to extending the time for the secretary of health  
2 to establish administrative procedures and requirements for health  
3 professions; and amending RCW 43.70.280.

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

5       **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.70.280 and 1996 c 191 s 2 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7       (1) The secretary, in consultation with health profession boards  
8 and commissions, shall establish by rule the administrative procedures,  
9 administrative requirements, and fees for initial issue, renewal, and  
10 reissue of a credential for professions under RCW 18.130.040, including  
11 procedures and requirements for late renewals and uniform application  
12 of late renewal penalties. Failure to renew invalidates the credential  
13 and all privileges granted by the credential. Administrative  
14 procedures and administrative requirements do not include establishing,  
15 monitoring, and enforcing qualifications for licensure, scope or  
16 standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline  
17 when such authority is authorized in statute to a health profession  
18 board or commission. For the purposes of this section, "in  
19 consultation with" means providing an opportunity for meaningful

1 participation in development of rules consistent with processes set  
2 forth in RCW 34.05.310.

3 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary which  
4 provides for a licensing period for any type of license subject to this  
5 chapter including those under RCW 18.130.040, the secretary of health  
6 may, from time to time, extend or otherwise modify the duration of any  
7 licensing, certification, or registration period, whether an initial or  
8 renewal period, if the secretary determines that it would result in a  
9 more economical or efficient operation of state government and that the  
10 public health, safety, or welfare would not be substantially adversely  
11 affected thereby. However, no license, certification, or registration  
12 may be issued or approved for a period in excess of four years, without  
13 renewal. Such extension, reduction, or other modification of a  
14 licensing, certification, or registration period shall be by rule or  
15 regulation of the department of health adopted in accordance with the  
16 provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW. Such rules and regulations may  
17 provide a method for imposing and collecting such additional  
18 proportional fee as may be required for the extended or modified  
19 period.

20 (3) Unless extended by the legislature, effective July 1, ((1998))  
21 1999, the authority of the secretary to establish administrative  
22 procedures and administrative requirements for initial issue, renewal,  
23 and reissue of a credential, including procedures and requirements for  
24 late renewals and uniform application of late renewal penalties, shall  
25 cease to apply to those health professions otherwise regulated by a  
26 board or commission with statutory rule-making authority. If not  
27 extended by the legislature, such authority shall transfer to the  
28 respective board or commission. Rules adopted by the secretary under  
29 this section shall remain in effect after July 1, ((1998)) 1999, until  
30 modified or repealed in accordance with the provisions of chapter 34.05  
31 RCW.

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