
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1547

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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Caldier, Christian, Volz, Eslick, Hutchins, and Graham)

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the health care workforce by
2 authorizing out-of-state providers to practice immediately; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 18.79 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.79
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The department shall issue an expedited temporary license to
8 practice as a registered nurse, advanced registered nurse
9 practitioner, or licensed practical nurse to a person who:

10 (a) Holds a current license to practice as a registered nurse,
11 advanced registered nurse practitioner, or licensed practical nurse
12 issued by a professional licensing board in California, Idaho, or
13 Oregon;

14 (b) Provides to the commission, in a manner determined by the
15 commission, sufficient proof that the person is in good standing with
16 the issuing out-of-state professional licensing board; and

17 (c) Submits a completed national background check fingerprint
18 card, if required.

19 (2) An expedited temporary license issued under this section
20 permits a person to practice as a registered nurse, advanced
21 registered nurse practitioner, or licensed practical nurse in

1 Washington, pending the results of the fingerprint-based national
2 background check, to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the
3 commission and the department, and is valid until the earliest of the
4 following:

5 (a) Two years after the date of issuance; or

6 (b) The date the person's authorization issued by the
7 professional licensing board in California, Idaho, or Oregon expires.

8 (3) An expedited temporary license issued under this section is
9 not renewable.

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