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HOUSE BILL 1555

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By Representatives Prentice, Edmondson, Day, D. Sommers, Cantwell, Paris, Dellwo, Moyer, Sprenkle, Franklin and Braddock.

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1            AN ACT Relating to the required pharmacy assistant ratio; and  
2 amending RCW 18.64A.040.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.64A.040 and 1977 ex.s. c 101 s 4 are each amended  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) A pharmacy assistant shall practice pharmacy in this state only  
7 after authorization by the board and only to the extent permitted by  
8 the board in accordance with this chapter.

9            (2) A pharmacist shall be assisted by a pharmacy assistant in the  
10 practice of pharmacy in this state only after authorization by the  
11 board and only to the extent permitted by the board in accordance with  
12 this chapter: PROVIDED, That no pharmacist may supervise more than one  
13 person performing level A pharmacy assistant duties and functions:  
14 PROVIDED FURTHER, That in pharmacies operating in connection with  
15 facilities licensed pursuant to chapter((s)) 70.41 ((or)) 71.12,

1 72.33, or 74.42 RCW, whether or not situated within the said facility  
2 which shall be physically separated from any area of a pharmacy where  
3 dispensing of prescriptions to the general public occurs, the ratio of  
4 pharmacists to persons performing level A pharmacy assistant duties and  
5 functions shall be as follows: in the preparation of medicine or other  
6 materials used by patients within the facility, one pharmacist  
7 supervising no more than three persons performing level A pharmacy  
8 assistant duties and functions; in the preparation of medicine or other  
9 materials dispensed to persons not patients within the facility, one  
10 pharmacist supervising not more than one person performing level A  
11 pharmacy assistant duties and functions.