

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 2623**

Chapter 255, Laws of 1996

54th Legislature  
1996 Regular Session

SINGLE NAME IDENTIFIERS FOR PERSONS  
OBTAINING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/6/96

Passed by the House March 4, 1996  
Yeas 94 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD  
**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 1, 1996  
Yeas 47 Nays 0

JOEL PRITCHARD  
**President of the Senate**

Approved March 29, 1996

MIKE LOWRY  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2623** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN  
**Chief Clerk**

FILED

March 29, 1996 - 4:36 p.m.

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By Representatives Dyer, Hymes, Cody, Murray, Brumsickle, Casada,  
Conway, Skinner, Crouse, Morris, Sherstad and Scheuerman

Read first time 01/15/96. Referred to Committee on Health Care.

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 when obtaining a  
17 prescription for a controlled substance. If a person's name is legally  
18 changed during the time period that he or she is receiving health care  
19 from a practitioner, the person shall inform all providers of care so  
20 that the medical and pharmacy records for the person may be filed under  
21 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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