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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Cody, Campbell, Ruderman, Alexander and Skinner)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the surrender of a health care professional's
2 license; and amending RCW 18.130.160.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.130.160 and 1993 c 367 s 6 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Upon a finding, after hearing, that a license holder or applicant
7 has committed unprofessional conduct or is unable to practice with
8 reasonable skill and safety due to a physical or mental condition, the
9 disciplining authority may issue an order providing for one or any
10 combination of the following:

- 11 (1) Revocation of the license;
- 12 (2) Suspension of the license for a fixed or indefinite term;
- 13 (3) Restriction or limitation of the practice;
- 14 (4) Requiring the satisfactory completion of a specific program of
15 remedial education or treatment;
- 16 (5) The monitoring of the practice by a supervisor approved by the
17 disciplining authority;
- 18 (6) Censure or reprimand;

1 (7) Compliance with conditions of probation for a designated period
2 of time;

3 (8) Payment of a fine for each violation of this chapter, not to
4 exceed five thousand dollars per violation. Funds received shall be
5 placed in the health professions account;

6 (9) Denial of the license request;

7 (10) Corrective action;

8 (11) Refund of fees billed to and collected from the consumer;

9 (12) A surrender of the practitioner's license in lieu of other
10 sanctions. A surrender of the practitioner's license shall not be
11 imposed as part of a stipulation to informal disposition under RCW
12 18.130.172.

13 Any of the actions under this section may be totally or partly
14 stayed by the disciplining authority. In determining what action is
15 appropriate, the disciplining authority must first consider what
16 sanctions are necessary to protect or compensate the public. Only
17 after such provisions have been made may the disciplining authority
18 consider and include in the order requirements designed to rehabilitate
19 the license holder or applicant. All costs associated with compliance
20 with orders issued under this section are the obligation of the license
21 holder or applicant.

22 The licensee or applicant may enter into a stipulated disposition
23 of charges that includes one or more of the sanctions of this section,
24 but only after a statement of charges has been issued and the licensee
25 has been afforded the opportunity for a hearing and has elected on the
26 record to forego such a hearing. The stipulation shall either contain
27 one or more specific findings of unprofessional conduct or inability to
28 practice, or a statement by the licensee acknowledging that evidence is
29 sufficient to justify one or more specified findings of unprofessional
30 conduct or inability to practice. The stipulation entered into
31 pursuant to this subsection shall be considered formal disciplinary
32 action for all purposes.

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