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By Senators Honeyford, Thibaudeau and Deccio

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1 AN ACT Relating to an exemption from annual inspections for
2 hospitals accredited by the American osteopathic association; and
3 amending RCW 70.41.122.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.41.122 and 1995 c 282 s 6 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Notwithstanding RCW 70.41.120, a hospital accredited by the joint
8 commission on the accreditation of health care organizations or the
9 American osteopathic association is not subject to the annual
10 inspection provided for in RCW 70.41.120 if:

11 (1) The department determines that the applicable survey standards
12 of the joint commission on the accreditation of health care
13 organizations or the American osteopathic association are substantially
14 equivalent to its own;

15 (2) It has been inspected by the joint commission on the
16 accreditation of health care organizations or the American osteopathic
17 association within the previous twelve months; and

18 (3) The department receives directly from the joint commission on
19 the accreditation of health care organizations, the American

1 osteopathic association, or the hospital itself copies of the survey
2 reports prepared by the joint commission on the accreditation of health
3 care organizations or the American osteopathic association
4 demonstrating that the hospital meets applicable standards.

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