

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1296

As Reported by House Committee On:

Health Care

Title: An act relating to making corrections to the department of health's professional and facilities licensing provisions.

Brief Description: Making corrections to the department of health's professional and facilities licensing provisions.

Sponsors: Representatives Moeller and Pflug; by request of Department of Health.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Health Care: 1/28/03, 2/4/03 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Technical corrections are made to the statutes that the Department of Health administers.
- Dispensing optician apprentices are added to the Uniform Disciplinary Act.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 13 members: Representatives Cody, Chair; Morrell, Vice Chair; Pflug, Ranking Minority Member; Bailey, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Alexander, Benson, Campbell, Clibborn, Darneille, Edwards, Moeller, Schual-Berke and Skinner.

Staff: Chris Blake (786-7392).

Background:

The Department of Health and the various professional boards regulate 55 types of health care professions and 45 types of health related facilities and services. These entities issue credentials, establish minimum standards for professional practice, and take disciplinary actions against credentialed members of the profession that engage in unprofessional conduct. Disciplinary actions for health care providers who are licensed, certified, or registered are generally governed by the Uniform Disciplinary Act. Disciplinary actions

for health-related facilities and credentialed health professionals not covered by the Uniform Disciplinary Act are governed by the Administrative Procedures Act.

Summary of Bill:

The following technical changes are made:

- A reference to fees for physician "certificates" is changed to "licenses."
- A drafting error that references facilities licensed under "chapter 71.12 RCW" is changed to "chapter 71A.12 RCW."
- One of the two identical statutory sections stating that those who purchase, distribute, or dispense legend drugs must maintain records to account for the receipt and disposition of these drugs is eliminated.

Dispensing optician apprentices are added to the Uniform Disciplinary Act. This provision takes effect on July 1, 2003.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed, except section 2, relating to dispensing optician apprentices, which takes effect on July 1, 2003.

Testimony For: These are mainly technical corrections. Dispensing optician apprentices were created in 1957 before the Uniform Disciplinary Act existed and were never added.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: (In support) Ron Weaver, Department of Health.