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1 AN ACT Relating to exemption from immunization; and amending RCW
2 28A.210.090.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.210.090 and 1991 c 3 s 290 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Any child shall be exempt in whole or in part from the
7 immunization measures required by RCW 28A.210.060 through 28A.210.170
8 upon the presentation of any one or more of the ((following))
9 certifications required by this section, on a form prescribed by the
10 department of health((+)). The form presented on or after the
11 effective date of this section must include a statement to be signed by
12 a health care practitioner stating that he or she provided the signator
13 with information about the benefits and risks of immunization to the
14 child.

15 ((+)) (a) A written certification signed by ((any-physician
16 licensed to practice medicine pursuant to chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW))
17 a health care practitioner that a particular vaccine required by rule
18 of the state board of health is, in his or her judgment, not advisable

1 for the child: PROVIDED, That when it is determined that this
2 particular vaccine is no longer contraindicated, the child will be
3 required to have the vaccine;

4 ~~((2))~~ (b) A written certification signed by any parent or legal
5 guardian of the child or any adult in loco parentis to the child that
6 the religious beliefs of the signator are contrary to the required
7 immunization measures; ~~(and)~~ or

8 ~~((3))~~ (c) A written certification signed by any parent or legal
9 guardian of the child or any adult in loco parentis to the child that
10 the signator has either a philosophical or personal objection to the
11 immunization of the child.

12 (2) For purposes of this section, "health care practitioner" means
13 a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW, a naturopath
14 licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW, a physician assistant licensed under
15 chapter 18.71A or 18.57A RCW, or an advanced registered nurse
16 practitioner licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW.

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