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**SENATE BILL 5454**

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**State of Washington 64th Legislature 2015 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Becker, Frockt, Dammeier, Jayapal, Bailey, Keiser, Parlette, Conway, Cleveland, and Chase

AN ACT Relating to requiring reporting of infections consequent to laser in-situ keratomileusis surgery; and adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Any physician or osteopathic physician who performs laser in-situ keratomileusis surgery must report any patient infection caused or likely to have been caused as a consequence to the laser in-situ keratomileusis procedure to the department.

(2) The department must publish a report on the department's web site that compares the infection rates of physicians or osteopathic physicians who perform laser in-situ keratomileusis surgery. The report must disclose data in a format that does not release health information about any individual patient.

(3) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

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