

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5549

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VETO OVERRIDE
Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning the registration and disciplining of pharmacy assistants.

Sponsors: Senators Jayapal, Angel, Keiser and Cleveland; by request of Department of Health.

Senate Committee on Health Care
House Committee on Health Care & Wellness

Background: Pharmacy assistants may perform certain duties under the supervision of a pharmacist. These duties include typing of prescription labels, filing, bookkeeping, pricing, stocking, delivery, nonprofessional phone inquiries, and documentation of third-party reimbursements. Pharmacy assistants must be registered with the Department of Health (DOH). DOH does not charge a fee for that registration, although all health professions must be fully self-supporting with the collection of fees to cover expenditures for that profession. Currently, other pharmacy professions cover the cost of regulating pharmacy assistants.

The Uniform Disciplinary Act regulates the health professions, including pharmacy technicians and pharmacy assistants.

Summary: DOH may establish registration fees for pharmacy assistants. Pharmacy assistants are subject to disciplinary action of the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission and the Uniform Disciplinary Act.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	47	2
House	56	41

Votes on Veto Override:

First Special Session

Senate	41	2
House	81	13

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