SENATE BILL 5268

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By Senators Parlette, Kohl-Welles, Hatfield, Angel, and Fraser Read first time 01/16/15. Referred to Committee on Health Care.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to refilling eye drop prescriptions; and adding a
- 2 new section to chapter 18.64 RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.64 5 RCW to read as follows:
- A pharmacist is authorized, without consulting a physician or obtaining a new prescription or refill from a physician, to provide for one early refill of a prescription for eye drops to treat glaucoma if all of the following criteria are met:
- 10 (1) The refill is requested by a patient less than thirty days 11 after the later of:
- 12 (a) The date the original prescription was dispensed to the 13 patient; or
- 14 (b) The date that the last refill of the prescription was 15 dispensed to the patient;
- 16 (2) The prescriber indicates on the original prescription that a 17 specific number of refills will be needed;
- 18 (3) The refill does not exceed the number of refills that the prescriber indicated under subsection (2) of this section;

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- 1 (4) The prescription has not been refilled more than once during 2 the thirty-day period prior to the request for an early refill.
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