

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5549**

Chapter 4, Laws of 2016

64th Legislature  
Veto Override 2016 1st Special Session

PHARMACY ASSISTANTS--REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/28/2016

Passed by the Senate February 16, 2016  
Yeas 47 Nays 2

BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House March 2, 2016  
Yeas 56 Nays 41

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Vetoed March 10, 2016 10:07 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5549** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

**Secretary**

FILED

March 30, 2016

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senators Jayapal, Angel, Keiser, and Cleveland; by request of  
Department of Health

Read first time 01/23/15. Referred to Committee on Health Care.

1 AN ACT Relating to the registration and disciplining of pharmacy  
2 assistants; and amending RCW 18.64A.030, 18.64A.050, and 18.64A.055.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.64A.030 and 2013 c 19 s 35 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 The commission shall adopt, in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW,  
7 rules governing the extent to which pharmacy ancillary personnel may  
8 perform services associated with the practice of pharmacy. These  
9 rules shall provide for the certification of pharmacy technicians and  
10 registration of pharmacy assistants by the department at a fee  
11 determined by the secretary under RCW 43.70.250:

12 (1) "Pharmacy technicians" may assist in performing, under the  
13 supervision and control of a licensed pharmacist, manipulative,  
14 nondiscretionary functions associated with the practice of pharmacy  
15 and other such duties and subject to such restrictions as the  
16 commission may by rule adopt.

17 (2) "Pharmacy assistants" may perform, under the supervision of a  
18 licensed pharmacist, duties including, but not limited to, typing of  
19 prescription labels, filing, refiling, bookkeeping, pricing,  
20 stocking, delivery, nonprofessional phone inquiries, and

1 documentation of third-party reimbursements and other such duties and  
2 subject to such restrictions as the commission may by rule adopt.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.64A.050 and 2013 c 19 s 37 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 In addition to the grounds under RCW 18.130.170 and 18.130.180,  
6 the commission may take disciplinary action against the certificate  
7 of any pharmacy technician or the registration of any pharmacy  
8 assistant upon proof that:

9 (1) His or her certificate or registration was procured through  
10 fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit;

11 (2) He or she has been found guilty of any offense in violation  
12 of the laws of this state relating to drugs, poisons, cosmetics, or  
13 drug sundries by any court of competent jurisdiction. Nothing herein  
14 shall be construed to affect or alter the provisions of RCW  
15 9.96A.020;

16 (3) He or she has exhibited gross incompetency in the performance  
17 of his or her duties;

18 (4) He or she has willfully or repeatedly violated any of the  
19 rules and regulations of the commission or of the department;

20 (5) He or she has willfully or repeatedly performed duties beyond  
21 the scope of his or her certificate or registration in violation of  
22 the provisions of this chapter; or

23 (6) He or she has impersonated a licensed pharmacist.

24 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.64A.055 and 1993 c 367 s 16 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 The uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW, governs the  
27 issuance and denial of certificates and registrations and the  
28 discipline of certificants and registrants under this chapter.

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