

VETO MESSAGE ON 2E2SHB 1276

June 30, 2015

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 25, Second Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1276 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to impaired driving."

The Department of Health has a Medical Assistant-phlebotomist credential that is currently available to law enforcement and corrections personnel. Creating a new sub-category is therefore unnecessary. MA-phlebotomist training programs specific to law enforcement forensic needs can be developed without a change in current law or rules and MA-phlebotomist training is typically on-the-job, and can be completed in a few days.

Section 25 also creates substantial new responsibilities and costs as it requires the Department to inspect every police station, jail, corrections facility, or other location where a law enforcement MA-phlebotomist may take blood samples. The section also sets new ongoing training and minimum procedure standards for law enforcement MA-phlebotomists that no other medical assistants have, and that must be regulated by the Department. For these reasons, I am vetoing this section.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 25 of Second Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1276.

With the exception of Section 25, Second Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1276 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Inslee
Governor