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By Senators Holy and Cleveland

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring a multiprovider system be used for
2 dental procedures where a patient is placed under deep sedation; and
3 amending RCW 18.32.640.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.32.640 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 221 are each amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The commission may adopt such rules as it deems necessary to
8 carry out this chapter.

9 (2) The commission may adopt rules governing administration of
10 sedation and general anesthesia by persons licensed under this
11 chapter, including necessary training, education, equipment, and the
12 issuance of any permits, certificates, or registration as required.

13 (3) A dental procedure that requires a patient to be placed under
14 deep sedation or analgesia must be performed by a multiprovider
15 system.

16 (4) For the purpose of this section:

17 (a) "Multiprovider system" means a system where the dentist
18 performing the dental procedure and the person who is sedating and
19 monitoring the patient are two distinct individuals with separate
20 tasks. The person administering the deep sedation must be a licensed
21 health care provider acting within the scope of their practice.

1 (b) "Deep sedation" or "analgesia" means a drug-induced
2 depression of consciousness during which patients cannot be easily
3 aroused but respond purposefully following repeated or painful
4 stimulation. The ability to independently maintain ventilatory
5 function may be impaired. Patients may require assistance in
6 maintaining a patent airway, and spontaneous ventilation may be
7 inadequate. Cardiovascular function is usually maintained.

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