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1 AN ACT Relating to the exemption of veterinarians from the data  
2 submission requirements of the prescription monitoring program; and  
3 amending RCW 70.225.020.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.225.020 and 2007 c 259 s 43 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) When sufficient funding is provided for such purpose through  
8 federal or private grants, or is appropriated by the legislature, the  
9 department shall establish and maintain a prescription monitoring  
10 program to monitor the prescribing and dispensing of all Schedules II,  
11 III, IV, and V controlled substances and any additional drugs  
12 identified by the board of pharmacy as demonstrating a potential for  
13 abuse by all professionals licensed to prescribe or dispense such  
14 substances in this state. The program shall be designed to improve  
15 health care quality and effectiveness by reducing abuse of controlled  
16 substances, reducing duplicative prescribing and overprescribing of  
17 controlled substances, and improving controlled substance prescribing  
18 practices with the intent of eventually establishing an electronic

1 database available in real time to dispensers and prescribers of  
2 (~~control~~[~~controlled~~]) controlled substances. As much as possible,  
3 the department should establish a common database with other states.

4 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, each  
5 dispenser shall submit to the department by electronic means  
6 information regarding each prescription dispensed for a drug included  
7 under subsection (1) of this section. Drug prescriptions for more than  
8 immediate one day use should be reported. The information submitted  
9 for each prescription shall include, but not be limited to:

- 10 (a) Patient identifier;
- 11 (b) Drug dispensed;
- 12 (c) Date of dispensing;
- 13 (d) Quantity dispensed;
- 14 (e) Prescriber; and
- 15 (f) Dispenser.

16 (3) Each dispenser shall submit the information in accordance with  
17 transmission methods established by the department.

18 (4) The data submission requirements of this section do not apply  
19 to:

20 (a) Medications provided to patients receiving inpatient services  
21 provided at hospitals licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW; or patients of  
22 such hospitals receiving services at the clinics, day surgery areas, or  
23 other settings within the hospital's license where the medications are  
24 administered in single doses; (~~or~~)

25 (b) Pharmacies operated by the department of corrections for the  
26 purpose of providing medications to offenders in department of  
27 corrections institutions who are receiving pharmaceutical services from  
28 a department of corrections pharmacy, except that the department of  
29 corrections must submit data related to each offender's current  
30 prescriptions for controlled substances upon the offender's release  
31 from a department of corrections institution; or

32 (c) Veterinarians licensed under chapter 18.92 RCW.

33 (5) The department shall seek federal grants to support the  
34 activities described in chapter 259, Laws of 2007. The department may  
35 not require a practitioner or a pharmacist to pay a fee or tax  
36 specifically dedicated to the operation of the system.

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