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1 AN ACT Relating to licensed health care professionals'
2 information at the time of license renewal; and amending RCW
3 18.29.071, 18.32.180, 18.50.102, 18.64.080, 18.71.080, 18.71A.020,
4 and 18.79.210.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.29.071 and 1996 c 191 s 11 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) The secretary shall establish the administrative procedures,
9 administrative requirements, and fees for renewal of licenses as
10 provided in this chapter and in RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280.

11 (2) The licensee must provide information on primary place of
12 practice as requested by the secretary at the time of license
13 renewal.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.32.180 and 1999 c 364 s 3 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) Every person licensed to practice dentistry in this state
17 shall renew his or her license and comply with administrative
18 procedures, administrative requirements, continuing education
19 requirements, and fees as provided in RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280.
20 The commission, in its sole discretion, may permit the applicant to

1 be licensed without examination, and with or without conditions, if
2 it is satisfied that the applicant meets all the requirements for
3 licensure in this state and is competent to engage in the practice of
4 dentistry.

5 (2) The licensee must provide information on primary place of
6 practice as requested by the secretary at the time of license
7 renewal.

8 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.50.102 and 2014 c 187 s 3 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) A licensed midwife must renew his or her license according to
11 the following requirements:

12 (a) Completion of a minimum of thirty hours of continuing
13 education, approved by the secretary, every three years;

14 (b) Proof of participation in a Washington state coordinated
15 quality improvement program as detailed in rule;

16 (c) Proof of participation in data submission on perinatal
17 outcomes to a national or state research organization, as detailed in
18 rule; and

19 (d) Fees determined by the secretary as provided in RCW 43.70.250
20 and 43.70.280.

21 (2) The secretary shall write rules regarding the renewal
22 requirements and the department's process for verification of the
23 third-party data submission. The licensee must provide information on
24 primary place of practice as requested by the secretary at the time
25 of license renewal.

26 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.64.080 and 2013 c 19 s 11 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 (1) The department may license as a pharmacist any person who has
29 filed an application therefor, subscribed by the person under oath or
30 affirmation, containing such information as the commission may by
31 regulation require, and who—

32 (a) Is at least eighteen years of age;

33 (b) Has satisfied the commission that he or she is of good moral
34 and professional character, that he or she will carry out the duties
35 and responsibilities required of a pharmacist, and that he or she is
36 not unfit or unable to practice pharmacy by reason of the extent or
37 manner of his or her proven use of alcoholic beverages, drugs, or

1 controlled substances, or by reason of a proven physical or mental
2 disability;

3 (c) Holds a baccalaureate degree in pharmacy or a doctor of
4 pharmacy degree granted by a school or college of pharmacy which is
5 accredited by the commission;

6 (d) Has completed or has otherwise met the internship
7 requirements as set forth in commission rules;

8 (e) Has satisfactorily passed the necessary examinations approved
9 by the commission and administered by the department.

10 (2) The department shall, at least once in every calendar year,
11 offer an examination to all applicants for a pharmacist license who
12 have completed their educational and internship requirements pursuant
13 to rules promulgated by the commission. The examination shall be
14 determined by the commission. In case of failure at a first
15 examination, the applicant shall have within three years the
16 privilege of a second and third examination. In case of failure in a
17 third examination, the applicant shall not be eligible for further
18 examination until he or she has satisfactorily completed additional
19 preparation as directed and approved by the commission. The applicant
20 must pay the examination fee determined by the secretary for each
21 examination taken. Upon passing the required examinations and
22 complying with all the rules and regulations of the commission and
23 the provisions of this chapter, the department shall grant the
24 applicant a license as a pharmacist and issue to him or her a
25 certificate qualifying him or her to enter into the practice of
26 pharmacy.

27 (3) Any person enrolled as a student of pharmacy in an accredited
28 college may file with the department an application for registration
29 as a pharmacy intern in which application he or she shall be required
30 to furnish such information as the commission may, by regulation,
31 prescribe and, simultaneously with the filing of said application,
32 shall pay to the department a fee to be determined by the secretary.
33 All certificates issued to pharmacy interns shall be valid for a
34 period to be determined by the commission, but in no instance shall
35 the certificate be valid if the individual is no longer making timely
36 progress toward graduation, provided however, the commission may
37 issue an intern certificate to a person to complete an internship to
38 be eligible for initial licensure or for the reinstatement of a
39 previously licensed pharmacist.

1 (4) To assure adequate practical instruction, pharmacy
2 internship experience as required under this chapter shall be
3 obtained after registration as a pharmacy intern by practice in any
4 licensed pharmacy or other program meeting the requirements
5 promulgated by regulation of the commission, and shall include such
6 instruction in the practice of pharmacy as the commission by
7 regulation shall prescribe.

8 (5) The department may, without examination other than one in
9 the laws relating to the practice of pharmacy, license as a
10 pharmacist any person who, at the time of filing application
11 therefor, is currently licensed as a pharmacist in any other state,
12 territory, or possession of the United States. The person shall
13 produce evidence satisfactory to the department of having had the
14 required secondary and professional education and training and who
15 was licensed as a pharmacist by examination in another state prior to
16 June 13, 1963, shall be required to satisfy only the requirements
17 which existed in this state at the time he or she became licensed in
18 such other state, and that the state in which the person is licensed
19 shall under similar conditions grant reciprocal licenses as
20 pharmacist without examination to pharmacists duly licensed by
21 examination in this state. Every application under this subsection
22 shall be accompanied by a fee determined by the department.

23 (6)(a) The department shall provide for, regulate, and require
24 all persons licensed as pharmacists to renew their license
25 periodically, and shall prescribe the form of such license and
26 information required to be submitted by all applicants.

27 (b) The licensees must provide information on primary place of
28 practice as requested by the secretary at the time of license
29 renewal.

30 **Sec. 5.** RCW 18.71.080 and 2011 c 178 s 1 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 (1)(a) Every person licensed to practice medicine in this state
33 shall pay licensing fees and renew his or her license in accordance
34 with administrative procedures and administrative requirements
35 adopted as provided in RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280.

36 (b) The commission shall request licensees to submit information
37 about their current professional practice and the licensees must
38 provide information on primary place of practice as requested by the
39 secretary at the time of license renewal. This information may

1 include practice setting, medical specialty, board certification, or
2 other relevant data determined by the commission.

3 (c) A physician who resides and practices in Washington and
4 obtains or renews a retired active license shall be exempt from
5 licensing fees imposed under this section. The commission may
6 establish rules governing mandatory continuing education requirements
7 which shall be met by physicians applying for renewal of licenses.
8 The rules shall provide that mandatory continuing education
9 requirements may be met in part by physicians showing evidence of the
10 completion of approved activities relating to professional liability
11 risk management. The number of hours of continuing education for a
12 physician holding a retired active license shall not exceed fifty
13 hours per year.

14 (2) The office of crime victims advocacy shall supply the
15 commission with information on methods of recognizing victims of
16 human trafficking, what services are available for these victims, and
17 where to report potential trafficking situations. The information
18 supplied must be culturally sensitive and must include information
19 relating to minor victims. The commission shall disseminate this
20 information to licensees by: Providing the information on the
21 commission's web site; including the information in newsletters;
22 holding trainings at meetings attended by organization members; or
23 another distribution method determined by the commission. The
24 commission shall report to the office of crime victims advocacy on
25 the method or methods it uses to distribute information under this
26 subsection.

27 (3) The commission, in its sole discretion, may permit an
28 applicant who has not renewed his or her license to be licensed
29 without examination if it is satisfied that such applicant meets all
30 the requirements for licensure in this state, and is competent to
31 engage in the practice of medicine.

32 **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.71A.020 and 2011 c 178 s 2 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 (1) The commission shall adopt rules fixing the qualifications
35 and the educational and training requirements for licensure as a
36 physician assistant or for those enrolled in any physician assistant
37 training program. The requirements shall include completion of an
38 accredited physician assistant training program approved by the
39 commission and within one year successfully take and pass an

1 examination approved by the commission, if the examination tests
2 subjects substantially equivalent to the curriculum of an accredited
3 physician assistant training program. An interim permit may be
4 granted by the department of health for one year provided the
5 applicant meets all other requirements. Physician assistants licensed
6 by the board of medical examiners, or the medical quality assurance
7 commission as of July 1, 1999, shall continue to be licensed.

8 (2)(a) The commission shall adopt rules governing the extent to
9 which:

10 (i) Physician assistant students may practice medicine during
11 training; and

12 (ii) Physician assistants may practice after successful
13 completion of a physician assistant training course.

14 (b) Such rules shall provide:

15 (i) That the practice of a physician assistant shall be limited
16 to the performance of those services for which he or she is trained;
17 and

18 (ii) That each physician assistant shall practice medicine only
19 under the supervision and control of a physician licensed in this
20 state, but such supervision and control shall not be construed to
21 necessarily require the personal presence of the supervising
22 physician or physicians at the place where services are rendered.

23 (3) Applicants for licensure shall file an application with the
24 commission on a form prepared by the secretary with the approval of
25 the commission, detailing the education, training, and experience of
26 the physician assistant and such other information as the commission
27 may require. The application shall be accompanied by a fee determined
28 by the secretary as provided in RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280. A
29 surcharge of fifty dollars per year shall be charged on each license
30 renewal or issuance of a new license to be collected by the
31 department and deposited into the impaired physician account for
32 physician assistant participation in the impaired physician program.
33 Each applicant shall furnish proof satisfactory to the commission of
34 the following:

35 (a) That the applicant has completed an accredited physician
36 assistant program approved by the commission and is eligible to take
37 the examination approved by the commission;

38 (b) That the applicant is of good moral character; and

39 (c) That the applicant is physically and mentally capable of
40 practicing medicine as a physician assistant with reasonable skill

1 and safety. The commission may require an applicant to submit to such
2 examination or examinations as it deems necessary to determine an
3 applicant's physical or mental capability, or both, to safely
4 practice as a physician assistant.

5 (4)(a) The commission may approve, deny, or take other
6 disciplinary action upon the application for license as provided in
7 the Uniform Disciplinary Act, chapter 18.130 RCW.

8 (b) The license shall be renewed as determined under RCW
9 43.70.250 and 43.70.280. The commission shall request licensees to
10 submit information about their current professional practice and the
11 licensees must provide information on primary place of practice as
12 requested by the secretary at the time of license renewal. This
13 information may include practice setting, medical specialty, or other
14 relevant data determined by the commission.

15 (c) The commission may authorize the use of alternative
16 supervisors who are licensed either under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW.

17 (5) All funds in the impaired physician account shall be paid to
18 the contract entity within sixty days of deposit.

19 **Sec. 7.** RCW 18.79.210 and 1996 c 191 s 63 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 (1) A license issued under this chapter must be renewed, except
22 as provided in this chapter. The licensee shall comply with
23 administrative procedures, administrative requirements, and fees as
24 determined under RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280.

25 (2) The licensee must provide information on primary place of
26 practice as requested by the secretary at the time of license
27 renewal.

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