

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds and declares that the natural resources of Washington state are a critical component of the aesthetic, economic, and environmental quality of life in this state. The legislature intends to maximize access to information on contemporary resource issues in the public school system.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A coordinating committee for environmental education is established. The committee shall be composed of members who represent natural resource agencies, educators at the primary and secondary levels, environmental groups, and the natural resource industry. The members shall be selected by the superintendent of public instruction. The committee shall function under the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The committee shall encourage cooperation among environmental educators at the state and local levels. The committee shall develop recommendations to improve environmental education in the state.

The committee shall submit a report by December 31, 1986, to the legislature.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act shall expire December 31, 1986.

Passed the House February 14, 1986.

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CHAPTER 52

[Substitute House Bill No. 1332]

DRUGS—GENERIC AND BRAND NAME

AN ACT Relating to pharmacists; and amending RCW 69.41.100 and 69.41.130.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 352, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 69.41.100 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislature recognizes the responsibility of the state to insure that the citizens of the state are offered a choice between generic drugs and brand name drugs and the benefit of quality pharmaceutical products at competitive prices. Advances in the drug industry resulting from research and the elimination of counterfeiting of prescription drugs should benefit the users of the drugs. Pharmacy must continue to operate with accountability and effectiveness. The legislature hereby declares it to be the policy of the state that its citizens receive safe and therapeutically effective drug products at the most reasonable cost consistent with high drug quality standards.

Sec. 2. Section 4, chapter 352, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. as amended by section 3, chapter 110 Laws of 1979 and RCW 69.41.130 are each amended to read as follows:

Unless the brand name drug is requested by the patient or the patient's representative, the pharmacist shall substitute an equivalent drug product which he has in stock if its wholesale price to the pharmacist is less than the wholesale price of the prescribed drug product, and at least sixty percent of the savings shall be passed on to the purchaser.

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CHAPTER 53

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1479]

METHADONE TREATMENT CENTERS

AN ACT Relating to drug treatment centers; amending RCW 69.54.030; adding a new section to chapter 69.54 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 69.54 RCW to read as follows:

The department, in consultation with treatment service providers, shall establish state-wide treatment standards for methadone treatment centers no later than December 1, 1986, and shall submit such standards to the legislature in a report for review and consideration prior to the regular session of the legislature in 1987.

Sec. 2. Section 3, chapter 304, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 69.54.030 are each amended to read as follows:

Every drug treatment center in this state shall apply to the secretary of social and health services for certification as an approved drug treatment center: PROVIDED, That after the effective date of this 1986 act, no certifications shall be made until the standards developed by the department shall have been established, pursuant to section 1 of this 1986 act, or until December 1, 1986, whichever is soonest.

The secretary of social and health services shall issue application forms which shall require the following, where applicable:

- (1) The name and address of the applicant drug treatment center;
- (2) The name of the director or head of such drug treatment center;
- (3) The names of the members of the board of directors or sponsors of such drug treatment center;
- (4) The names and addresses of all physicians affiliated with such drug treatment center;
- (5) A short description of the nature of treatment and/or rehabilitation used by such drug treatment center; and the qualifications of staff to employ such treatment and/or rehabilitation methods;