
SENATE BILL 5287

State of Washington 64th Legislature 2015 Regular Session

By Senators Keiser, Frockt, Conway, Parlette, and Hasegawa; by request of Attorney General

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1 AN ACT Relating to the medicaid fraud false claims act; creating
2 a new section; and repealing RCW 43.131.419 and 43.131.420.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that medicaid
5 provider fraud drives up health care costs for Washingtonians, harms
6 medicaid clients and fair providers, and costs taxpayers. The
7 legislature also recognizes that as medicaid coverage expands,
8 opportunities for fraud increase. Having cost-effective resources and
9 law enforcement tools to recover money lost to fraud and to hold
10 persons who engage in fraudulent conduct accountable is essential to
11 the integrity of the medicaid program. The legislature realizes the
12 ability to civilly prosecute fraud is an important deterrent that not
13 only holds those who defraud taxpayers accountable, but also prevents
14 fraud. It is therefore the intent of the legislature to preserve the
15 state's tools to combat medicaid provider fraud through the
16 reauthorization of the medicaid fraud false claims act.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The following acts or parts of acts are
18 each repealed:

19 (1) RCW 43.131.419 (Medicaid fraud false claims act—Termination)
20 and 2012 c 241 s 216; and

1 (2) RCW 43.131.420 (Medicaid fraud false claims act—Repeal) and
2 2012 c 241 s 217.

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