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House Bill 5678 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative Bronna Kahle  
House Committee: Health Policy  
Senate Committee: Health Policy

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code's definition of "bona fide prescriber-patient relationship" for purposes of prescribing a Schedule 2 to 5 controlled substance, to allow the delegation of a patient's medical evaluation.

The Code sets forth requirements for a licensed prescriber who prescribes a controlled substance. Beginning March 31, 2018, a prescriber must not prescribe a controlled substance listed in Schedule 2 to 5 unless the prescriber is in a bona fide prescriber-patient relationship with the patient for whom the controlled substance is being prescribed, except as otherwise provided by rules promulgated by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

The bill would include in the Code's definition of "bona fide prescriber-patient relationship" a relevant medical evaluation of the patient conducted by an individual licensed under Article 15 (Occupations) of the Code to whom the prescriber has delegated the authority to perform the evaluation.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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