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SENATE BILL 5708

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By Senators Patterson, Prentice and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to insurance coverage for injuries sustained  
2 because of alcohol or narcotic use; adding a new section to chapter  
3 48.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.21 RCW; adding a new  
4 section to chapter 48.44 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.46  
5 RCW; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 48.20.272.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.20 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9 An insurer may not deny coverage for the treatment of an injury  
10 solely because the injury was sustained as a consequence of the  
11 insured's being intoxicated or under the influence of a narcotic.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.21 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14 An insurer may not deny coverage for the treatment of an injury  
15 solely because the injury was sustained as a consequence of the  
16 insured's being intoxicated or under the influence of a narcotic.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 48.44 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        A health care service contractor may not deny coverage for the  
4 treatment of an injury solely because the injury was sustained as a  
5 consequence of the enrolled participant's being intoxicated or under  
6 the influence of a narcotic.

7        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    A new section is added to chapter 48.46 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9        A health maintenance organization may not deny coverage for the  
10 treatment of an injury solely because the injury was sustained as a  
11 consequence of the enrolled participant's being intoxicated or under  
12 the influence of a narcotic.

13        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    RCW 48.20.272 (Optional standard provision  
14 No. 23--Intoxicants and narcotics) and 1951 c 229 s 28 are each  
15 repealed.

16        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**    This act applies to all contracts issued or  
17 renewed on or after the effective date of this act.

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