
HOUSE BILL 1576

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1 AN ACT Relating to medical examinations required by a private
2 passenger automobile insurance policy; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 48.18 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.18 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 Insurers issuing private passenger automobile insurance policies
8 shall provide that medical examinations scheduled by the insurer to
9 examine the medical condition of a claimant shall be scheduled with
10 qualified health care professionals as close as possible to the
11 residence of the claimant. An insurer may not issue a private
12 passenger automobile policy that requires or has the effect of
13 requiring a claimant to attend a medical examination located in a
14 county other than a claimant's county of residence, except when health
15 care professionals qualified to conduct the examination are not

1 available within the claimant's county of residence.