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By Senators Moore, Wojahn, Gaspard, Snyder and Rasmussen.

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1 AN ACT Relating to the effects of terrorism on insurance liability;
2 and amending RCW 48.23.260.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.23.260 and 1947 c 79 s .23.26 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The insurer may in any life insurance policy or annuity or pure
7 endowment contract limit its liability to a determinable amount not
8 less than the full reserve of the policy and of dividend additions
9 thereto in event only of death occurring:

10 (a) As a result of war, or any act of war, declared or undeclared,
11 not including any act of terrorism, or of service in the military,
12 naval or air forces or in civilian forces auxiliary thereto, or from
13 any cause while a member of any such military, naval or air forces of
14 any country at war, declared or undeclared.

1 (b) As a result of suicide of the insured, whether sane or insane,
2 within two years from date of issue of the policy.

3 (c) As a result of aviation under conditions specified in the
4 policy.

5 (2) An insurer may specify conditions pertaining to the items of
6 subsection (1) of this section which in the commissioner's opinion are
7 more favorable to the policyholder.