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HOUSE BILL 2825

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By Representatives L. Thomas, Wolfe, Zellinsky, Grant, Benson, DeBolt, Keiser, Smith, Sullivan, Constantine, Wensman and Thompson

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1 AN ACT Relating to fees charged by general agents; amending RCW  
2 48.18.180; and adding a new section to chapter 48.17 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.18.180 and 1994 c 203 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The premium stated in the policy shall be inclusive of all  
7 fees, charges, premiums, or other consideration charged for the  
8 insurance or for the procurement thereof.

9 (2) No insurer or its officer, employee, agent, solicitor, or other  
10 representative shall charge or receive any fee, compensation, or  
11 consideration for insurance which is not included in the premium  
12 specified in the policy.

13 (3) Each violation of this section is a gross misdemeanor.

14 (4) This section does not apply to a fee paid to a broker by an  
15 insured as provided in RCW 48.17.270 or to a fee paid to a general  
16 agent by an insured as provided in section 2 of this act.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.17 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

1       A general agent may receive fees paid by the insurer for services  
2 provided by the general agent that:  
3       (1) Are unique to general agents; and  
4       (2) Are not part of the payment for the insurance policy itself.

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