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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5708**

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**By** Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl, Long, Hargrove, Prentice, Brown and Winsley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to liability insurance for child day-care  
2 providers; adding a new section to chapter 74.15 RCW; and providing an  
3 effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.15 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Every licensed child day-care center shall, at the time of  
8 licensure or renewal and at any inspection, provide to the department  
9 proof that the licensee has liability insurance, or self-insurance  
10 under chapter 48.90 RCW, for a minimum of fifty thousand dollars per  
11 person per claim and an aggregate of two hundred thousand dollars per  
12 claim for occurrences by the licensee and the licensee's employees that  
13 result in bodily injury or property damage.

14 (2) The licensee shall notify the department when liability  
15 insurance has been terminated.

16 (3) The department may take action as provided in RCW 74.15.130 if  
17 the licensee fails to maintain in full force and effect the insurance  
18 required by this section.

1 (4) This section applies to child day-care centers holding  
2 licenses, initial licenses, and probationary licenses under this  
3 chapter.

4 (5) A child day-care center holding a license under this chapter on  
5 the effective date of this act is not required to be in compliance with  
6 this section until the time of renewal of the license or until January  
7 1, 1999, whichever is sooner.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect January 1, 1998.

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