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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 provide to the
8 department proof that the licensee has liability insurance for a
9 minimum of fifty thousand dollars per person per claim and an aggregate
10 of two hundred thousand dollars per claim for occurrences by the
11 licensee and the licensee's employees that result in bodily injury or
12 property damage.

13 (2) If an insurance company or the licensee cancels or refuses to
14 renew insurance, the insurance company shall notify the department in
15 writing of the termination of coverage and its effective date not less
16 than thirty days before the effective date of termination. The
17 licensee shall notify the department when liability insurance has been
18 obtained.

1 (a) Upon receipt of an insurance company termination notice, the
2 department shall send written notice to the licensee that on the
3 effective date of termination the license will be subject to suspension
4 or revocation unless proof of insurance as required by this section is
5 filed with the department before the effective date of the termination.

6 (b) If an insurance company fails to give notice of coverage
7 termination, this failure does not have the effect of continuing the
8 coverage.

9 (3) The department may suspend or revoke a license as provided in
10 RCW 74.15.130 if the licensee fails to maintain in full force and
11 effect the insurance required by this section.

12 (4) This section applies to child day-care centers holding
13 licenses, initial licenses, and probationary licenses under this
14 chapter.

15 (5) A child day-care center holding a license under this chapter on
16 the effective date of this act is not required to be in compliance with
17 this section until the time of renewal of the license or until January
18 1, 1999, whichever is sooner.

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

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