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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5901**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance & Housing  
(originally sponsored by Senators Kohl, Winsley, Prentice, Swanson and  
Jacobsen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to notice to the insured before an insurance  
2 company negotiates or settles any claim or suit; and adding a new  
3 section to chapter 48.22 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 48.22 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 Before an insurance company, or any representative of an insurance  
8 company, negotiates, or settles any claim or suit on behalf of a  
9 policyholder, the insurance company shall contact the policyholder.

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