
SENATE BILL 6594

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By Senators Anderson, Schow, Rossi, Horn and Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting industrial insurance benefits
2 payment if the use of alcohol or controlled substances materially
3 contributed to the injury or death; and adding new sections to chapter
4 51.32 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 51.32 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 If an employer establishes that a worker's use of alcohol or a
9 controlled substance, as defined in the uniform controlled substances
10 act, chapter 69.50 RCW, materially contributed to the worker's own
11 injury or death, the payment of all benefits under this title is
12 forfeited.

13 Nothing in this section precludes the payment of benefits if the
14 worker, at the time of injury or death, was under the influence of a
15 controlled substance taken in accordance with a prescription issued by
16 a licensed physician.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 51.32 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 All employers in this state shall post a notice informing their
2 workers of section 1 of this act.

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