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By Senators Thibaudeau, Deccio, Franklin, Heavey, Prentice, Sellar, Shin, Bauer, Kline, Winsley, Patterson and B. Sheldon

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1 AN ACT Relating to health maintenance organizations' reimbursement
2 of podiatric physicians and surgeons; adding a new section to chapter
3 48.46 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.46 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 Except to the extent that a health maintenance organization
8 contracts with a group medical practice which only treats that
9 organization's patients, a health maintenance organization may not
10 discriminate in the terms and conditions, including reimbursement, for
11 the provision of foot care services between physicians and surgeons
12 licensed under chapters 18.22, 18.57, and 18.71 RCW.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is intended to be procedural and
14 not to impair the obligation of any existing contract.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If any provision of this act or its
16 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the

1 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
2 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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