
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5282

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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin and Kohl-Welles)

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1 AN ACT Relating to use of DNA in insurance transactions; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 48.01 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.01
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 A person engaged in the business of making contracts of
7 insurance shall not screen an individual's DNA. For purposes of
8 this section, "screen" means obtaining a person's DNA and
9 identifying the sequence of chemical base pairs or interpreting
10 data from DNA analysis. This section must not be interpreted to
11 deny payment of claims, and limited DNA information, not the
12 entire DNA code or sequence, may be communicated to an insurer for
13 purposes of documenting the obligation to pay the claim.

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