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By Senator Prentice

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1 AN ACT Relating to the admissibility of insurance applications;  
2 and amending RCW 48.18.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.18.080 and 1947 c 79 s .18.08 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) No application for the issuance of any insurance policy or  
7 contract shall be admissible in evidence in any action relative to  
8 such policy or contract, unless a true copy of the application was  
9 attached to or otherwise made a part of the policy when issued and  
10 delivered. This provision shall not apply to policies or contracts  
11 of industrial life insurance or property and casualty insurance.

12 (2) If any policy of life or disability insurance delivered in  
13 this state is reinstated or renewed, and the insured or the  
14 beneficiary or assignee of the policy makes written request to the  
15 insurer for a copy of the application, if any, for such  
16 reinstatement or renewal, the insurer shall, within fifteen days  
17 after receipt of such request at its home office or at any of its  
18 branch offices, deliver or mail to the person making such request,

1 a copy of such application. If such copy is not so delivered or  
2 mailed, the insurer shall be precluded from introducing the  
3 application as evidence in any action or proceeding based upon or  
4 involving the policy or its reinstatement or renewal.

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