

1 **SHB 1638 - H AMD 0199 WITHDRAWN 3-17-03**

2 By Representative Benson

3 On page 4, after line 11, insert the following:

4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 50.20  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Credentialed health care professionals listed in RCW  
7 18.130.040 shall be deemed to be dislocated workers for the purpose  
8 of commissioner approval of training under RCW 50.20.043 if they  
9 are unemployed as a result of contracting hepatitis C in the course  
10 of employment and are unable to continue to work in their  
11 profession because of a significant risk that such work would pose  
12 to other persons and that risk cannot be eliminated.

13 (2) For purposes of subsection (1) of this section, a health  
14 care professional who was employed on a full-time basis in their  
15 profession, shall be presumed to have contracted hepatitis C in the  
16 course of employment. This presumption may be rebutted by a  
17 preponderance of the evidence that demonstrates that the health  
18 care professional contracted hepatitis C as a result of activities  
19 or circumstances not related to employment."

20 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
21 cross-references accordingly.

**EFFECT:** Allows health care professionals who contract hepatitis C at work and cannot continue to work in their profession without posing a risk to other people to qualify for commissioner approval of training programs. Creates a presumption that certain health care professionals with hepatitis C contracted the disease at work.