

1 **2SHB 1638** - H AMD 0209 ADOPTED 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. Correct the title.

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.