

1 **HB 1691** - H AMD 0119 WITHDRAWN 3-18-03

2 By Representative Chandler

3 On page 4, beginning on line 1, strike all of section 4 and
4 insert the following:

5 "Sec. 4. RCW 51.28.020 and 2001 c 231 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1)(a) Where a worker is entitled to compensation under this
8 title he or she shall file with the department or his or her self-
9 insured employer, as the case may be, his or her application for
10 such, together with the certificate of the physician or licensed
11 advanced registered nurse practitioner participating in a pilot
12 project in accordance with section 17 of this act who attended him
13 or her. An application form developed by the department shall
14 include a notice specifying the worker's right to receive health
15 services from a physician or licensed advanced registered nurse
16 practitioner of the worker's choice under RCW 51.36.010, including
17 chiropractic services under RCW 51.36.015, and listing the types of
18 providers authorized to provide these services.

19 (b) The physician or licensed advanced registered nurse
20 practitioner participating in a pilot project in accordance with
21 section 17 of this act who attended the injured worker shall inform
22 the injured worker of his or her rights under this title and lend
23 all necessary assistance in making this application for
24 compensation and such proof of other matters as required by the
25 rules of the department without charge to the worker. The
26 department shall provide physicians with a manual which outlines
27 the procedures to be followed in applications for compensation
28 involving occupational diseases, and which describes claimants'
29 rights and responsibilities related to occupational disease claims.

30 (2) If application for compensation is made to a self-insured
31 employer, he or she shall forthwith send a copy of the application
32 to the department."

1 On page 20, after line 23, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** A new section is added to chapter
3 51.04 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) The department of labor and industries, in consultation
5 with the workers' compensation advisory committee, may conduct
6 pilot projects to authorize advanced registered nurse practitioners
7 to examine, diagnose, and treat injured workers covered by
8 industrial insurance in accordance with sections 1 through 16 of
9 this act. The functions of an advanced registered nurse
10 practitioner who is participating in a project and who is the
11 attending provider for a claimant include signing accident report
12 forms and certifying temporary total disability compensation.
13 Their functions also include providing health services within their
14 scope of practice as described in sections 1 through 3 and 5
15 through 16 of this act. The projects shall assess the effects of
16 authorizing advanced registered nurse practitioners to provide such
17 services on the cost and quality of industrial insurance health
18 services, and the ability of the department to manage these
19 services and to prevent the provision of medically unnecessary or
20 inappropriate services.

21 (2) The department may conduct these pilot projects only in
22 counties with a population of one hundred thousand or less.

23 (3) The projects shall conclude no later than June 30, 2005.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** Sections 4 and 17 of this act expire
25 June 30, 2005."

26 Renumber the remaining subsection and correct internal
27 references accordingly.

28 Correct the title.

EFFECT:

Ø Authorizes only those advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs) participating in pilot projects to sign accident report forms and certify temporary total disability compensation for purposes of the workers' compensation system.

- ∅ Authorizes the Department of Labor and Industries to conduct pilot projects only in counties with a population of 100,000 or less.
- ∅ Requires that such pilot projects conclude by June 30, 2005.
- ∅ Provides for the expiration of sections providing such authority on June 30, 2005.