
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1275

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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Darneille, Pflug, Moeller, Cody, Romero, Wood and Upthegrove; by request of Department of Health)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the human immunodeficiency virus insurance
2 program; adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW; creating a new
3 section; repealing RCW 74.09.757; providing an effective date; and
4 declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.757 (Acquired human
7 immunodeficiency syndrome insurance program (HIV/AIDS)) and 1993 c 264
8 s 1 & 1989 c 260 s 3 are each repealed.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 (1) "Human immunodeficiency virus insurance program," as used in
12 this section, means a program that provides health insurance coverage
13 for individuals with human immunodeficiency virus, as defined in RCW
14 70.24.017(7), who are not eligible for medical assistance programs from
15 the department of social and health services as defined in RCW
16 74.09.010(8) and meet eligibility requirements established by the
17 department of health.

1 (2) The department of health may pay for health insurance coverage
2 on behalf of persons with human immunodeficiency virus, who meet
3 department eligibility requirements, and who are eligible for
4 "continuation coverage" as provided by the federal consolidated omnibus
5 budget reconciliation act of 1985, group health insurance policies, or
6 individual policies. The number of insurance policies supported by
7 this program in the Washington state health insurance pool as defined
8 in RCW 48.41.030(18) shall not grow beyond the July 1, 2003, level.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department of health shall adopt rules
10 to implement this act.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
13 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
14 July 1, 2003.

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