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SENATE BILL 5972

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By Senator Benton

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1 AN ACT Relating to prepaid legal service plans; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 48.01 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.01 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The business of prepaid legal service plans is not insurance  
7 under RCW 48.01.040 and is not subject to regulation under this title.

8 (2) For purposes of this section, "prepaid legal service plan"  
9 means an arrangement that provides specified legal services or  
10 reimbursement for legal expenses in consideration of a specified  
11 payment for an interval of time. It does not include a policy of  
12 insurance, or coverage incidental to that insurance, issued by an  
13 insurer having a valid certificate of authority in this state if the  
14 policy is issued under the general laws in this title pertaining to  
15 insurance.

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