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Brief Description: Requiring certificates of merit in actions for damages.

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Provides that a certificate of merit shall be filed by the claimant's attorney as specified in this act within ninety days of filing or service, whichever occurs later, of any action asserting a claim, cross-claim, counter-claim, or third party claim for damages arising out of: The failure to comply with the standard of care by a person licensed, registered, or certified under Title 18 RCW; the negligence of a health care facility as defined in RCW 48.43.005; or a product liability claim under chapter 7.72 RCW.

Provides that the court may, for good cause shown, extend the period of time within which filing of the certificate is required. In no event shall the period of time for filing the certificate of merit exceed one hundred twenty days from the date of filing or service, whichever occurs later.