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**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1016**

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**By** Representatives Campbell, Kirby, Appleton and Simpson

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1            AN ACT Relating to homeowner's insurance; and adding a new section  
2 to chapter 48.18 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 48.18 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            An insurer licensed to write liability insurance, such as  
7 homeowner's insurance, in this state may not deny an application for a  
8 homeowner's insurance policy, or cancel, refuse to renew, or modify an  
9 existing homeowner's insurance policy, on the basis that the applicant  
10 or insured owns or harbors a specific breed of dog on the real  
11 property, unless the dog is a dangerous dog as defined in RCW  
12 16.08.070. An insurer may require that the insured provide:

13            (1) Written certification from the insured that the dog provides  
14 little risk based on the dog's nature and history; and

15            (2) Written certification that the dog provides little risk based  
16 on the dog's nature and history in the form of:

17            (a) A written statement from a licensed veterinarian who may be  
18 familiar with the dog in question; or

1           (b) A written statement from a licensed dog trainer from a canine  
2 obedience school; or  
3           (c) A canine good citizen certificate from the American kennel  
4 club.

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