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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5406**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Parlette and Keiser)

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1 AN ACT Relating to making medicare supplemental insurance policies  
2 administered under chapter 41.05 RCW conform to federal law; amending  
3 RCW 41.05.195 and 41.05.197; and repealing RCW 41.05.190.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.05.195 and 1993 c 492 s 222 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this ~~((title))~~ chapter or  
8 rules or procedures adopted by the authority, the authority shall make  
9 available to retired or disabled employees who are ~~((eligible for))~~  
10 enrolled in parts A and B of medicare ~~((at least two))~~ one or more  
11 medicare supplemental insurance policies that conform to the  
12 requirements of chapter 48.66 RCW. ~~((One policy shall include coverage~~  
13 ~~for prescription drugs.))~~ The policies shall be chosen in consultation  
14 with the public employees' benefits board. These policies shall be  
15 made available to retired or disabled state employees ~~((, or))~~; retired  
16 or disabled school district employees; retired employees of county,  
17 municipal, or other political subdivisions eligible for coverage  
18 available under the authority; or surviving spouses of emergency

1 service personnel killed in the line of duty. (~~All offerings shall be~~  
2 ~~made available not later than January 1, 1994.~~)

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 41.05.197 and 1993 c 492 s 223 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (~~If a waiver of the medicare statute, Title XVIII of the federal~~  
6 ~~social security act, sufficient to meet the requirements of chapter~~  
7 ~~492, Laws of 1993 is not granted on or before January 1, 1995,~~) The  
8 medicare supplemental insurance policies authorized under RCW 41.05.195  
9 shall be made available to any resident of the state (~~eligible for~~  
10 ~~medicare benefits. Except for those retired state or school district~~  
11 ~~employees eligible to purchase medicare supplemental benefits through~~  
12 ~~the authority, persons~~) who:

13 (1) Is enrolled in parts A and B of medicare; and

14 (2) Is not eligible to purchase coverage as a retired or disabled  
15 employee under RCW 41.05.195. State residents purchasing a medicare  
16 supplemental insurance policy under this section shall be required to  
17 pay the full cost of any such policy.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 41.05.190 (Medicare supplemental  
19 insurance plan) and 1998 c 245 s 37 & 1993 c 492 s 221 are each  
20 repealed.

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