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

1 surviving spouses of emergency service personnel killed in the line of
2 duty. (~~All offerings shall be made available not later than January~~
3 ~~1, 1994.~~)

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

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

14 (1) Is enrolled in parts A and B of medicare; and
15 (2) Is not eligible to purchase coverage under RCW 41.05.195.
16 State residents purchasing a medicare supplemental insurance policy
17 under this section shall be required to pay the full cost of any such
18 policy.

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21 repealed.

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