

HB 1105 - H AMD 186

By Representative Campbell

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.18
4 RCW to read as follows:

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

12 An insurer may require that the insured provide written
13 notification:

14 (1) From the insured that the dog provides little risk based on
15 the dog's nature and history; and

16 (2) That the dog provides little risk based on the dog's nature
17 and history in the form of:

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

20 (b) A voluntary written statement from a licensed dog trainer
21 from a canine obedience school; or

22 (c) A canine good citizen certificate from the American kennel
23 club."

EFFECT: Allows an insurer to require a written certification from the insured and a third party regarding the nature and history of the dog. Clarifies that the written statement from the licensed veterinarian or dog trainer is a voluntary statement.