

HB 1212 - H AMD 80

By Representative Condotta

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1 On page 6, after line 29, insert the following:

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3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 51.32
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 The department or a self-insurer may offer a beneficiary who is a
6 surviving spouse of a member of the law enforcement officers' and
7 firefighters' retirement system under chapter 41.26 RCW or the state
8 patrol retirement system under chapter 43.43 RCW a lump sum settlement
9 to close a claim. A settlement offer accepted by the surviving spouse
10 under this section shall discharge the employer of record from any
11 further obligation concerning the claim and release the state and
12 self-insurer from further benefit obligations. A claim that has been
13 closed under this section shall not be reopened for additional
14 compensation under this title."

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16 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Allows the Department of Labor and Industries or a self-insured employer to offer the surviving spouse of a member of the Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System or Washington State Patrol Retirement System a lump sum settlement to close a claim. Provides that a settlement offer that is accepted releases the state and self-insurer from any further benefit obligations.

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