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1 AN ACT Relating to hearing instrument replacement under the
2 industrial insurance medical aid benefit; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 51.36 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 51.36
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the other provisions of this title, if the health
8 services that are available to an injured worker under RCW 51.36.010
9 include purchase of a hearing instrument, then the health services
10 that are available must also include replacement of such hearing
11 instrument with a new, nonrefurbished instrument at least once every
12 five years. Such replacement must also include related services
13 necessary to assess, select, and fit the hearing instrument.

14 (2) For purposes of this section, "hearing instrument" has the
15 meaning given in RCW 18.35.010.

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