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By Representatives Ryu, Thai, Obras, Macri, Paul, Callan, Pollet, Fey, and Kloba

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1 AN ACT Relating to protecting patients involved in motor vehicle
2 accidents from delayed ambulance bills; adding a new section to
3 chapter 18.73 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW; and
4 providing an effective date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.73
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) (a) Each ambulance service shall attempt to collect
9 automotive, health, personal injury, or any other relevant insurance
10 information from a patient that is involved in a motor vehicle
11 accident at the time transportation is provided.

12 (b) At the time of transportation, the ambulance service shall
13 attempt to provide the patient with the consumer notice created under
14 section 2 of this act.

15 (c) For purposes of this section, a motor vehicle accident
16 includes incidents where a pedestrian or bicyclist is struck or
17 otherwise injured by a motor vehicle.

18 (2) Within 60 days of the transportation, an ambulance service
19 must:

20 (a) Provide the patient with the consumer notice created under
21 section 2 of this act; and

1 (b) (i) If the ambulance service collected the patient's insurance
2 information during transportation, bill the appropriate insurance or
3 the patient; or

4 (ii) If the ambulance service was unable to collect the patient's
5 insurance information during the transportation, attempt to collect
6 the patient's automotive, health, personal injury, or any other
7 relevant insurance information and bill the appropriate insurance or
8 the patient within 60 days of receiving this information.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 By January 1, 2026, the department, in consultation with the
12 office of the insurance commissioner, ambulance services, health
13 carriers, insurers, and consumers, shall develop a standard consumer
14 notice educating the public on the different types of insurance that
15 may cover a motor vehicle accident, the order in which the different
16 types of insurance are applied to ambulance service bills, the
17 insured's rights, and other information that would assist a person
18 that has received an ambulance service bill following a motor vehicle
19 accident.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act takes effect January
21 1, 2026.

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