

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 6356

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INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE CLAIM PROCESSING BY PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/1/04

Passed by the Senate March 10, 2004
YEAS 49 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Passed by the House March 3, 2004
YEAS 96 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved March 26, 2004.

GARY F. LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6356** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MILTON H. DOUMIT JR.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senators Honeyford and Rasmussen

Read first time 01/19/2004. Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

1 AN ACT Relating to physician assistants executing a certain
2 certificate for labor and industries; adding a new section to chapter
3 51.28 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and
4 providing an expiration 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 51.28 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 Physician assistants practicing with physician supervision as
9 required by chapters 18.57A and 18.71A RCW may assist workers who
10 suffer simple industrial injuries in making application for
11 compensation under this title as specified in RCW 51.28.020. Physician
12 assistants may not rate a worker's permanent partial disability under
13 RCW 51.32.055, or determine a worker's entitlement to benefits under
14 chapter 51.32 RCW. The department shall adopt rules necessary to
15 implement this section, including rules identifying simple industrial
16 injuries using diagnosis codes and other relevant criteria.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** By December 1, 2006, the department of labor
18 and industries shall report to the senate committee on commerce and

1 trade and the house committee on commerce and labor, or successor
2 committees, on the implementation of this act, including but not
3 limited to the effects of this act on injured worker outcomes, claim
4 costs, and disputed claims.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect July 1, 2004.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act expire July 1,
7 2007.

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