
HOUSE BILL 2157

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1 AN ACT Relating to the cancellation of or refusal to renew property
2 insurance policies because of submitting claims as a result of criminal
3 acts; adding a new section to chapter 48.18 RCW; and adding new
4 sections to chapter 48.27 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.18 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) An insurer may not cancel or refuse to renew a property
9 insurance policy, as property insurance is defined in RCW 48.11.040,
10 for the sole reason that the insured has submitted claims on the policy
11 because of criminal acts.

12 (2) Subsection (1) of this section applies to all insurers subject
13 to this chapter and includes policies containing terms allowing
14 cancellation or denial of renewal at the discretion of the insurer.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.27 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) An insurer may not cancel or refuse to renew a property
4 insurance policy, as property insurance is defined in RCW 48.11.040,
5 for the sole reason that the insured has submitted claims on the policy
6 because of criminal acts.

7 (2) Subsection (1) of this section applies to all insurers subject
8 to this chapter and includes policies containing terms allowing
9 cancellation or denial of renewal at the discretion of the insurer.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 48.27 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 The failure to comply with section 2 of this act is a matter
13 affecting the public interest for the purpose of applying chapter 19.86
14 RCW. The failure to comply with section 2 of this act is not
15 reasonable in relation to the development and preservation of business.
16 A violation of section 2 of this act constitutes an unfair or deceptive
17 act or practice in trade or commerce for the purpose of applying
18 chapter 19.86 RCW.