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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2430**

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**By** House Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance (originally sponsored by Representatives Dyer, Zellinsky, Kessler, Romero, Jones and Springer; by request of Insurance Commissioner)

Read first time 01/31/94.

1 AN ACT Relating to making technical corrections related to the  
2 policy limits of the midwifery joint underwriting association; amending  
3 RCW 48.87.050; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.87.050 and 1993 c 112 s 5 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 A licensee may apply to the association to purchase midwifery and  
8 birth center malpractice insurance and the association shall offer a  
9 policy with liability limits of one million dollars per (~~individual~~)  
10 claim and three million dollars per (~~occurrence~~) annual aggregate, or  
11 such other minimum level of mandated coverage as determined by the  
12 department of health. The insurance commissioner shall require the use  
13 of a rating plan for midwifery malpractice insurance that permits rates  
14 to be modified according to practice volume. Any rating plan for  
15 midwifery malpractice insurance used under this section must be based  
16 on sound actuarial principles. Coverage may not exclude midwives who  
17 engage in home birth or birth center deliveries.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
2    preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
3    state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
4    effect immediately.

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