
SENATE BILL 5437

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By Senators McAuliffe, Prentice and Moore

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1 AN ACT Relating to discrimination on the basis of sex or marital
2 status in the business of insurance; adding a new section to chapter
3 48.30 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.30 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 After July 1, 1995, a person engaged in the business of insurance
8 shall not discriminate solely on the basis of sex or marital status in
9 the issuance or operation of any type of insurance policy, plan, or
10 coverage, including discrimination in rates and premiums or payments or
11 benefits.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The insurance commissioner shall conduct a
13 study to determine which statutes and rules violate or are inconsistent
14 with section 1 of this act. The commissioner shall submit the study
15 and a draft of proposed legislation to the chief clerk of the house of
16 representatives and the secretary of the senate by September 1, 1993.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** It is intended that legislation be adopted
2 during the legislative session beginning in January 1994, so that the
3 laws regulating insurance are consistent with section 1 of this act.
4 It is also intended that this legislation take effect July 1, 1995.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The insurance commissioner shall adopt rules
6 to be effective July 1, 1995, consistent with section 1 of this act
7 including making all changes necessary in existing rules.

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