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By Representatives Bush, Benson, Reardon and Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to the admissibility of insurance applications; and  
2 amending RCW 48.18.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.18.080 and 1947 c 79 s .18.08 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) No application for the issuance of any insurance policy or  
7 contract shall be admissible in evidence in any action relative to such  
8 policy or contract, unless a true copy of the application was attached  
9 to or otherwise made a part of the policy when issued and delivered.  
10 This (~~provision shall~~) subsection does not apply to policies or  
11 contracts of industrial life insurance, property insurance, or casualty  
12 insurance.

13 (2) If any policy of life or disability insurance delivered in this  
14 state is reinstated or renewed, and the insured or the beneficiary or  
15 assignee of the policy makes written request to the insurer for a copy  
16 of the application, if any, for such reinstatement or renewal, the  
17 insurer shall, within fifteen days after receipt of such request at its  
18 home office or at any of its branch offices, deliver or mail to the  
19 person making such request, a copy of such application. If such copy

1 is not so delivered or mailed, the insurer shall be precluded from  
2 introducing the application as evidence in any action or proceeding  
3 based upon or involving the policy or its reinstatement or renewal.

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