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**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1568**

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**By** Representatives Darneille, Pflug, Cody, Campbell, Schual-Berke, Alexander and Skinner

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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;  
4 providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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 execute the certificate  
10 required by RCW 51.28.020(1) for reports of noncompensable industrial  
11 injuries, but not reports of any occupational diseases. Physician  
12 assistants may not execute time loss cards related to any industrial  
13 injuries or any occupational diseases.

14       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** By December 1, 2005, the department of labor  
15 and industries shall report to the senate committee on commerce and  
16 trade and the house committee on commerce and labor, or successor  
17 committees, on the implementation of this act, including but not

1 limited to the effects of this act on injured worker outcomes, claim  
2 costs, and disputed claims.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act are necessary  
4 for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety,  
5 or support of the state government and its existing public  
6 institutions, and take effect July 1, 2003.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act expire June 30,  
8 2006.

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