
SENATE BILL 6568

State of Washington

61st Legislature

2010 Regular Session

By Senator Stevens

Read first time 01/18/10. Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

1 AN ACT Relating to minimum notification requirements for property
2 and casualty insurance policy changes; adding a new section to chapter
3 48.22 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.27 RCW; and providing an
4 effective date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.22 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) All insurers doing business in this state shall provide a
9 notice of policy change to each producer receiving an insurance policy
10 from the insurer under the following circumstances:

11 (a) The insurance policy covers personal lines or business lines of
12 casualty insurance, not including medical, workers' compensation,
13 employers' liability, nuclear liability, or disability insurance; and

14 (b) The insurance policy contains a material change from either the
15 last previous standard insurance policy that the insurer provided to
16 the producer for sale to the public or a material change from the
17 coverage last previously provided under a policy being renewed.

18 (2) The notice of policy change must include the change or changes

1 in coverage, described in plain language on a separate page of paper
2 prefacing the changed policy or policy being renewed.

3 (3) Each producer shall communicate the contents of the notice of
4 policy change to the consumer prior to the consumer's acceptance of the
5 policy or policy being renewed.

6 (4) Any policy change not made in compliance with this section is
7 not effective and is unenforceable.

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

10 (1) All insurers doing business in this state shall provide a
11 notice of policy change to each producer receiving an insurance policy
12 from the insurer under the following circumstances:

13 (a) The insurance policy covers personal lines or business lines of
14 property insurance; and

15 (b) The insurance policy contains a material change from either the
16 last previous standard insurance policy that the insurer provided to
17 the producer for sale to the public or a material change from the
18 coverage last previously provided under a policy being renewed.

19 (2) The notice of policy change must include the change or changes
20 in coverage, described in plain language on a separate page of paper
21 prefacing the changed standard policy or policy being renewed.

22 (3) Each producer shall communicate the contents of the notice of
23 policy change to the purchaser prior to the purchaser's acceptance of
24 the policy or policy being renewed.

25 (4) Any policy change not made in compliance with this section is
26 not effective and is unenforceable.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect July 1, 2011, and
28 applies to insurance policies covered by this act that are issued or
29 renewed on or after July 1, 2011.

--- END ---