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By Representatives Sherstad, Koster, Stevens, Sheahan, McMahan, Sterk, Hargrove, Backlund, Mulliken, Boldt and Hymes

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing choice for employers, providers,
2 plans, and other persons in abortion-related benefits; and amending RCW
3 9.02.150; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.02.150 and 1992 c 1 s 6 are each amended to read as
6 follows:

7 No person or private medical facility may be required by law or
8 contract in any circumstances to participate in the performance of an
9 abortion if such person or private medical facility objects to so
10 doing.

11 No employer, provider, carrier, plan, or person may be required by
12 law or contract in any circumstances to purchase, provide, or
13 participate in any specific insurance benefit, including health
14 insurance, or disability benefit, including a sick leave plan, or
15 temporary disability benefit plan, that directly reimburses,
16 compensates, or otherwise pays for the performance of any induced
17 abortion or for leave to obtain any induced abortion.

1 No person may be discriminated against in employment or
2 professional privileges because of the person's participation or
3 refusal to participate in the termination of a pregnancy.

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

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