
HOUSE BILL 3209

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By Representative Delvin

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1 AN ACT Relating to lowering the liability limits for the midwife
2 joint underwriting association; and amending RCW 48.87.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.87.050 and 1994 c 90 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 A licensee may apply to the association to purchase midwifery and
7 birth center malpractice insurance and the association shall offer a
8 policy with liability limits of (~~one million~~) five hundred thousand
9 dollars per claim and three million dollars per annual aggregate(~~, or~~
10 ~~such other minimum level of mandated coverage as determined by the~~
11 ~~department of health~~). The insurance commissioner shall require the
12 use of a rating plan for midwifery malpractice insurance that permits
13 rates to be modified according to practice volume. Any rating plan for
14 midwifery malpractice insurance used under this section must be based
15 on sound actuarial principles. Coverage may not exclude midwives who
16 engage in home birth or birth center deliveries.

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