

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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President of the Senate

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CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved April 16, 1997

GARY LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5211** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MIKE O'CONNELL

Secretary

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By Senators Newhouse, Wojahn and Schow

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1 AN ACT Relating to including public hospital districts as
2 authorized self-insurers; and amending RCW 51.14.150.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 51.14.150 and 1993 c 158 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) For the purposes of this section, "hospital" means a hospital
7 as defined in RCW 70.41.020(2) or a psychiatric hospital regulated
8 under chapter 71.12 RCW, but does not include beds utilized by a
9 comprehensive cancer center for cancer research.

10 (2)(a) Any two or more employers which are school districts or
11 educational service districts, or (b) any two or more employers which
12 are public hospital districts or hospitals, and are owned or operated
13 by a state agency or municipal corporation of this state, or (c) any
14 two or more employers which are hospitals, no one of which is owned or
15 operated by a state agency or municipal corporation of this state, may
16 enter into agreements to form self-insurance groups for the purposes of
17 this chapter.

1 (3) No more than one group may be formed under subsection (2)(b) of
2 this section and no more than one group may be formed under subsection
3 (2)(c) of this section.

4 (4) The self-insurance groups shall be organized and operated under
5 rules promulgated by the director under RCW 51.14.160. Such a self-
6 insurance group shall be deemed an employer for the purposes of this
7 chapter, and may qualify as a self-insurer if it meets all the other
8 requirements of this chapter.

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