CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1501

54th Legislature 1995 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 8, 1995 Yeas 97 Nays 0

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 10, 1995 Yeas 47 Nays 0

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1501** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

President of the Senate

Approved

Chief Clerk

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By Representatives L. Thomas, Wolfe, Huff, Dellwo and Kessler; by request of Law Revision Commission

Read first time 01/27/95. Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance.

1 AN ACT Relating to correcting double amendments related to 2 insurance examination expenses; reenacting RCW 48.03.060; and creating 3 a new section.

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

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. The only intent of the legislature in this 6 act is to correct double amendments. It is not the intent of the 7 legislature to change the substance or effect of any statute previously 8 enacted.

9 Sec. 2. RCW 48.03.060 and 1993 c 462 s 47 and 1993 c 281 s 55 are 10 each reenacted to read as follows:

(1) Examinations within this state of any insurer domiciled or having its home offices in this state, other than a title insurer, made by the commissioner or the commissioner's examiners and employees shall, except as to fees, mileage, and expense incurred as to witnesses, be at the expense of the state.

(2) Every other examination, whatsoever, or any part of the
examination of any person domiciled or having its home offices in this
state requiring travel and services outside this state, shall be made

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by the commissioner or by examiners designated by the commissioner and shall be at the expense of the person examined; but a domestic insurer shall not be liable for the compensation of examiners employed by the commissioner for such services outside this state.

5 (3) When making an examination under this chapter, the commissioner 6 may retain attorneys, appraisers, independent actuaries, independent 7 certified public accountants, or other professionals and specialists as 8 examiners, the cost of which shall be borne by the person who is the 9 subject of the examination, except as provided in subsection (1) of 10 this section.

(4) The person examined and liable therefor shall reimburse the 11 state upon presentation of an itemized statement thereof, for the 12 13 actual travel expenses of the commissioner's examiners, their reasonable living expense allowance, and their per diem compensation, 14 15 including salary and the employer's cost of employee benefits, at a reasonable rate approved by the commissioner, incurred on account of 16 17 the examination. Per diem salary and expenses for employees examining insurers domiciled outside the state of Washington shall be established 18 19 by the commissioner on the basis of the National Association of Insurance Commissioner's recommended salary and expense schedule for 20 zone examiners, or the salary schedule established by the Washington 21 personnel resources board and the expense schedule established by the 22 office of financial management, whichever is higher. Domestic title 23 24 insurer shall pay the examination expense and costs to the commissioner 25 as itemized and billed by the commissioner.

The commissioner or the commissioner's examiners shall not receive or accept any additional emolument on account of any examination.

(5) Nothing contained in this chapter limits the commissioner's authority to terminate or suspend any examination in order to pursue other legal or regulatory action under the insurance laws of this state. Findings of fact and conclusions made pursuant to any examination are prima facie evidence in any legal or regulatory action.

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