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SENATE BILL 6824

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By Senators Rossi, Parlette and West

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to the health care authority; adding a new section  
2 to chapter 70.47 RCW; prescribing penalties; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.47 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 Within thirty days of the effective date of this act, the  
8 administrator shall request in writing from each subsidized enrollee  
9 sufficient information to verify the enrollee's eligibility for  
10 benefits under this chapter. Failure of any enrollee, within ninety  
11 days of the mailing of the request, to submit information verifying his  
12 or her eligibility for benefits shall result in disenrollment.

13 The administrator may either bill an enrollee determined to be  
14 ineligible for amounts overpaid by the state or impose civil penalties  
15 of up to two hundred percent of the amount of overpayment, and may  
16 contract with private firms to collect any amount due including amounts  
17 due under RCW 70.47.060(9).

18 The administrator shall, on no less than an annual basis, verify  
19 the eligibility of each enrollee in the basic health plan. A procedure

1 for verifying eligibility shall be submitted to the office of financial  
2 management for approval.

3 By January 1, 2003, the health care authority and office of  
4 financial management shall submit a report to the appropriate policy  
5 and fiscal committees on the implementation of this section.

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

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