

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5725

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ORGAN TRANSPLANT LIFETIME LIMITS

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YEAS 49 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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YEAS 97 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved May 14, 2009, 11:57 a.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5725** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

FILED

May 18, 2009

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senator Keiser)

READ FIRST TIME 02/20/09.

1 AN ACT Relating to organ transplant lifetime limits; and adding a
2 new section to chapter 48.43 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A health benefit plan that is issued or renewed on or after
7 January 1, 2010, and that provides coverage for organ and tissue
8 transplants, may not permit a separate lifetime limit on transplants of
9 any less than three hundred fifty thousand dollars. The lifetime limit
10 on transplants shall apply from one day prior to the date of the
11 transplant or the date of hospital admission, for a patient who
12 receives a transplant during the course of a longer hospital stay,
13 through one hundred days after the transplant. Donor-related services
14 may apply to the lifetime limit on transplants any time. The major
15 medical lifetime limit shall apply to health care services provided
16 before and after this time period. Benefits provided are subject to
17 all other terms and conditions of the health benefit plan, including
18 but not limited to any applicable coinsurances, deductibles, and
19 copayments.

1 (2) "Organ and tissue transplant" means the same as defined under
2 the applicable health benefit plan.

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