

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5974**

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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER--VETERANS--SUPPLEMENTAL COVERAGE

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Passed by the Senate March 2, 2015  
Yeas 48 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 13, 2015  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved April 25, 2015 11:30 AM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5974** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

**Secretary**

FILED

April 25, 2015

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Senators Benton, Bailey, Hobbs, Chase, Cleveland, Angel, Hasegawa, Roach, Jayapal, Fraser, McCoy, and Hewitt

Read first time 02/13/15. Referred to Committee on Health Care.

1 AN ACT Relating to the insurance commissioner review of barriers  
2 to offering supplemental coverage options to disabled veterans and  
3 their dependents; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The insurance commissioner must review  
6 the supplemental coverage options offered to the civilian health and  
7 medical program of the United States department of veterans affairs,  
8 known as CHAMPVA, and identify current barriers to attracting  
9 supplemental policies in the state of Washington.

10 (2) CHAMPVA is a health benefits program in which the federal  
11 department of veterans affairs shares the cost of certain health care  
12 services and supplies with eligible beneficiaries. CHAMPVA provides  
13 reimbursement for most medical expenses including inpatient,  
14 outpatient, mental health, prescription medication, skilled nursing  
15 care, and durable medical equipment. Supplemental insurance policies  
16 are available to offset some or all out-of-pocket costs. CHAMPVA is  
17 available to provide coverage to a spouse, widow, or widower and to  
18 the children of a veteran who is permanently and totally disabled due  
19 to a service-connected disability, was rated permanently and totally  
20 disabled due to a service-connected condition at the time of death,  
21 died of a service-connected disability, or died on active duty.

1           (3) The supplemental insurance policies are authorized under RCW  
2 48.43.005(26) and would greatly assist the families of veterans if  
3 the policies were available in Washington. The insurance commissioner  
4 must review current barriers to attracting supplemental plans into  
5 the state and report on steps the state and the department of  
6 veterans affairs can take to promote access to the supplemental  
7 policies. The review of barriers and recommendations must be  
8 submitted to the appropriate committees of the legislature, the  
9 governor, and the department of veterans affairs by November 11,  
10 2015.

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