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1 AN ACT Relating to law enforcement officers' and firefighters'
2 retirement system disability boards; amending RCW 41.26.115; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that not all law
6 enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system disability
7 boards provide members with documentation that the medical costs of
8 that member are covered by the board. The legislature further finds
9 that not having access to this documentation has resulted in delayed
10 access to medical services and members having to pay for services
11 upfront and request reimbursement.

12 Therefore it is the intent of the legislature that every board
13 provide evidence of coverage to eligible members.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 41.26.115 and 1981 c 294 s 1 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) The director of retirement systems shall adopt rules, in
17 accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW, under which each disability board
18 shall execute its disability retirement duties under this chapter.
19 The rules shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1 (a) Standards governing the type and manner of presentation of
2 medical, employability, and other evidence before disability boards;
3 (~~and~~)

4 (b) Standards governing the necessity and frequency of medical
5 and employability reexaminations of persons receiving disability
6 benefits; and

7 (c) A requirement that each board provide eligible members with
8 documentation of the covered medical services.

9 (2) If the director determines that an order or determination of
10 a disability board was not processed in accordance with the rules
11 established under this section, the director may remand the order or
12 determination for further proceedings consistent with the rules.

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