HOUSE BILL 1675

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to civil docket priority for parties over seventy
- 2 years of age or who are terminally ill; adding a new section to chapter
- 3 4.44 RCW; and declaring an emergency.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 4.44 RCW
- 6 to read as follows:
- 7 When setting civil cases for trial, unless otherwise provided by
- 8 statute, upon motion of a party, the court shall give priority to cases
- 9 in which a party is frail and over seventy years of age or is suffering
- 10 from a terminal illness.
- 11 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
- 12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
- 13 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
- 14 effect immediately.