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By Senators Pelz, Rasmussen, Moore, Vognild and Owen.

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1 AN ACT Relating to automobile insurance; amending RCW 48.18.297;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 48.18 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.18.297 and 1969 ex.s. c 241 s 24 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 A private passenger automobile as used in ((RCW 48.18.291 through
7 48.18.297)) this chapter shall mean:

8 (1) An individually owned motor vehicle of the private passenger or
9 station wagon type that is not used as a public or livery conveyance
10 for passengers, nor rented to others.

11 (2) Any other individually owned four-wheel motor vehicle with a
12 load capacity of fifteen hundred pounds or less which is not used in
13 the occupation, profession, or business of the insured.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.18 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 No private passenger automobile liability insurer shall refuse to
4 issue a private passenger liability insurance policy or increase the
5 rate to be charged for a policy based on the grounds that the applicant
6 has never purchased a policy or has not purchased or been covered by a
7 policy during a specified time period immediately preceding the date of
8 application.