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By Representatives Dyer, Zellinsky, Kessler, Romero, Jones and Springer; by request of Insurance Commissioner

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1 AN ACT Relating to making technical corrections related to the
2 policy limits of the midwifery joint underwriting association; amending
3 RCW 48.87.050; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.87.050 and 1993 c 112 s 5 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 A licensee may apply to the association to purchase midwifery and
8 birth center malpractice insurance and the association shall offer a
9 policy with liability limits of one million dollars per ~~((individual))~~
10 occurrence and three million dollars per ~~((occurrence))~~ annual
11 aggregate, or such other minimum level of mandated coverage as
12 determined by the health services commission. The insurance
13 commissioner shall require the use of a rating plan for midwifery
14 malpractice insurance that permits rates to be modified according to
15 practice volume. Any rating plan for midwifery malpractice insurance
16 used under this section must be based on sound actuarial principles.
17 Coverage may not exclude midwives who engage in home birth or birth
18 center deliveries.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
4 effect immediately.

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