

**SB 6356** - H COMM AMD  
By Committee on Commerce & Labor

1           On page 1, beginning on line 6, strike all of section 1 and  
2 insert the following:

3           "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 51.28  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5           Physician assistants practicing with physician supervision as  
6 required by chapters 18.57A and 18.71A RCW may assist workers who  
7 suffer simple industrial injuries in making application for  
8 compensation under this title as specified in RCW 51.28.020.  
9 Physician assistants may not rate a worker's permanent partial  
10 disability under RCW 51.32.055, or determine a worker's entitlement  
11 to benefits under chapter 51.32 RCW. The department shall adopt  
12 rules necessary to implement this section, including rules  
13 identifying simple industrial injuries using diagnosis codes and  
14 other relevant criteria."

**EFFECT:** Clarifies that physician assistants may assist workers who are filing claims for simple industrial injuries, and not for occupational diseases or for industrial injuries that involve payment of time loss compensation or pensions. Requires the Department of Labor and Industries to adopt necessary rules.