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1 AN ACT Relating to implementing the collective bargaining agreement
2 between the home care quality authority and individual home care
3 providers; creating new sections; making appropriations; and providing
4 an effective date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the voters of
7 Washington state expressed their strong support for home-based long-
8 term care services through their overwhelming approval of Initiative
9 Measure No. 775 in 2001. With passage of the initiative, the state has
10 been directed to increase the quality of state-funded long-term care
11 services provided to elderly and disabled persons in their own homes
12 through recruitment and training of in-home individual providers,
13 referral of qualified individual providers to seniors and persons with
14 disabilities seeking a provider, and stabilization of the individual
15 provider work force. The legislature further finds that the quality of
16 care our elders and people with disabilities receive is highly
17 dependent upon the quality and stability of the individual provider
18 work force, and that the demand for the services of these providers
19 will increase as our population ages.

1 (2) The legislature intends to stabilize the state-funded
2 individual provider work force by providing funding to implement the
3 collective bargaining agreement between the home care quality authority
4 and the exclusive bargaining representative of individual providers.
5 The agreement reflects the value and importance of the work done by
6 individual providers to support the needs of elders and people with
7 disabilities in Washington state.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of seven million one hundred twenty-
9 nine thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
10 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, from the general
11 fund--state, and the sum of six million nine hundred eighteen thousand
12 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
13 the biennium ending June 30, 2005, from the general fund--federal to
14 the department of social and health services solely to increase the
15 wages of state-funded individual providers from the current hourly rate
16 of eight dollars and forty-three cents per hour to eight dollars and
17 ninety-three cents per hour beginning October 1, 2004.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of ten million six hundred four
19 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
20 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, from the general
21 fund--state, and the sum of ten million two hundred ninety-four
22 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
23 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2005, from the general
24 fund--federal to the department of social and health services solely to
25 provide contributions of up to four hundred dollars per month for each
26 eligible state-funded individual provider for health insurance coverage
27 pursuant to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement between
28 the home care quality authority and the exclusive bargaining
29 representative of individual providers.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of five million seven hundred
31 thirteen thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
32 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, from the general
33 fund--state, and the sum of five million five hundred forty-three
34 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
35 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2005, from the general

1 fund--federal to the department of social and health services solely to
2 provide workers' compensation benefits to state-funded individual
3 providers beginning October 1, 2004, through a third-party
4 administrator under contract with the home care quality authority.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The sum of one million three hundred twenty-
6 four thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
7 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, from the general
8 fund--state, and the sum of one million two hundred eighty-four
9 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
10 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2005, from the general
11 fund--federal to the department of social and health services solely
12 for costs associated with administrative, labor, and employment
13 relations costs determined by the terms of the collective bargaining
14 agreement between the home care quality authority and the exclusive
15 bargaining representative of individual providers.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The appropriations to the department of
17 social and health services in this act may be transferred among
18 programs within the department or to the home care quality authority to
19 implement the collective bargaining agreement between the home care
20 quality authority and the exclusive bargaining representative of
21 individual providers.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This act takes effect July 1, 2004.

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