

**HB 1722** - S AMD

By Senators Keiser, Pflug

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

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

5 The department shall accept the signature of a physician assistant  
6 on any certificate, card, form, or other documentation required by the  
7 department that the physician assistant's supervising physician or  
8 physicians may sign, provided that it is within the physician  
9 assistant's scope of practice, and is consistent with the terms of the  
10 physician assistant's practice arrangement plan as required by chapters  
11 18.57A and 18.71A RCW. Consistent with the terms of this section, the  
12 authority of a physician assistant to sign such certificates, cards,  
13 forms, or other documentation includes, but is not limited to, the  
14 execution of the certificate required in RCW 51.28.020. A physician  
15 assistant may not rate a worker's permanent partial disability under  
16 RCW 51.32.055.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** By December 1, 2008, the department of labor  
18 and industries shall report to the legislature on implementation of  
19 this act, including but not limited to the effects of this act on  
20 injured worker outcomes, claim costs, and disputed claims.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
23 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
24 July 1, 2007."

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1        On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "industries;" strike the  
2 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter  
3 51.28 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and  
4 declaring an emergency."

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