

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 5. The department is the designated agency to coordinate implementation of the action plan and is authorized to hire such employees as are necessary to coordinate the plan among state and federal agencies, the private sector, and interested public groups and organizations. The department is authorized to contract, through an open bidding process, with interested parties to act as the information clearinghouse for marine plastic debris related issues.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 6. The department is authorized to accept, receive, disburse, and administer grants or funds or gifts from any source including private individuals, public entities, and the federal government to supplement the funds hereby appropriated to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 7. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 8. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 9. Sections 1 through 6 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 79 RCW.

Passed the House March 9, 1989.

Passed the Senate March 31, 1989.

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## CHAPTER 24

[Senate Bill No. 5037]

### DOMESTIC INSURERS—BOARDS OF DIRECTORS—NATIONALITY REQUIREMENTS

AN ACT Relating to directors of domestic insurers; and amending RCW 48.07.050.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section .07.05, chapter 79, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 3, chapter 364, Laws of 1985 and RCW 48.07.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Not less than three-fourths of the directors of an incorporated domestic insurer shall be United States or Canadian citizens, and a majority of the board of directors of a mutual life insurer shall be residents of this state. The directors of a domestic insurer or domestic insurance holding corporation may be removed with cause by a vote of a majority of its voting capital

stock or members (if a mutual insurer) at a valid meeting and said directors may be removed without cause by a vote of sixty-seven percent of its voting capital stock or members (if a mutual insurer) at a valid meeting.

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## CHAPTER 25

[Senate Bill No. 5152]

### INSURANCE—FORM AND RATE FILINGS

AN ACT Relating to insurance form and rate filings; amending RCW 48.18.100, 48.18-.140, 48.19.030, 48.19.040, 48.19.060, 48.19.100, 48.19.120, and 48.19.280; repealing RCW 48.19.440; and providing an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section .18.10, chapter 79, Laws of 1947 as amended by section 16, chapter 181, Laws of 1982 and RCW 48.18.100 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) No insurance policy form other than surety bond forms, or application form where written application is required and is to be attached to the policy, or printed life or disability rider or endorsement form shall be issued, delivered, or used unless it has been filed with and approved by the commissioner. This section shall not apply to policies, riders or endorsements of unique character designed for and used with relation to insurance upon a particular subject.

(2) Every such filing containing a certification, in a form approved by the commissioner, by either the chief executive officer of the insurer or by an actuary who is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, attesting that the filing complies with Title 48 RCW and Title 284 of the Washington Administrative Code, may be used by such insurer immediately after filing with the commissioner. The commissioner may order an insurer to cease using a certified form upon the grounds set forth in RCW 48.18-.110. This subsection shall not apply to certain types of policy forms designated by the commissioner by rule.

(3) Every filing that does not contain a certification pursuant to subsection (2) of this section shall be made not less than ~~((fifteen))~~ thirty days in advance of any such issuance, delivery, or use. At the expiration of such ~~((fifteen))~~ thirty days the form so filed shall be deemed approved unless prior thereto it has been affirmatively approved or disapproved by order of the commissioner. The commissioner may extend by not more than an additional fifteen days the period within which he may so affirmatively approve or disapprove any such form, by giving notice of such extension before expiration of the initial ~~((fifteen-day))~~ thirty-day period. At the expiration