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CHAPTER 197
[House Bill No. 684]
DISABILITY INSURANCE--
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

AN ACT Relating to insurance; requiring the inclusion of psychological services under certain insurance contracts; adding a new section to chapter 79, Laws of 1947 and to chapter 48.20 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 79, Laws of 1947 and to chapter 48.21 RCW; and providing for the application of such sections to such contracts.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 79, Laws of 1947 and to chapter 48.20 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any provision of any disability insurance contract, benefits shall not be denied thereunder for any psychological service rendered by a holder of a license issued pursuant to chapter 18.83 RCW: PROVIDED, That (1) the service rendered was within the lawful scope of such person's license, and (2) such contract would have provided the benefits for such service if rendered by a holder of a license issued pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 79, Laws of 1947 and to chapter 48.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any provision of any group disability insurance contract or blanket disability insurance contract, benefits shall not be denied thereunder for any psychological service rendered by a holder of a license issued pursuant to chapter 18.83 RCW: PROVIDED, That (1) the service rendered was within the lawful scope of such person's license, and (2) such contract would have provided the benefits for such service if rendered by a holder of a license issued pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall not apply to any contract in force prior to the effective date of this 1971 act, nor to any renewal of such contract where there has been no change in any provision thereof.

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[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 553]

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING--

CERTIFICATES OF NEED FOR HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME CONSTRUCTION

AN ACT Relating to state government, providing for comprehensive health planning, and certificates of need for hospital and nursing home construction; and adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to Title 70 RCW a new chapter to read as set forth in sections 2 through 23 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. It is declared to be the public policy of this state:

(1) That comprehensive planning for promoting, maintaining and assuring a high level of health for all citizens of the state, and for the provision of health services, health manpower, health facilities and other resources, as well as health planning related to environmental matters is essential to the health, safety and welfare of the people of the state. Such planning is necessary on both a state-wide and regional basis, and must maintain responsiveness to changing health and social needs and conditions. The marshaling of all health resources to assure comprehensive health services of high quality available to every person must be the goal of such planning, which must likewise assure optimum efficiency, effectiveness, equity, coordination and economy in development and implementation to reach that goal.

(2) That the timely construction and expansion of hospital and nursing home facilities and the institution of additional hospital and nursing home services should be accomplished in a manner which is orderly, coherent, timely, economical and consistent with the effective development of necessary and adequate means of providing high quality health care for persons to be served by such facilities without duplication or fragmentation of such facilities.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The following words or phrases, as used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Board" means the Washington state board of health.
- (2) "Construction" means the erection, building, or