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By Senator L. Smith

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1 AN ACT Relating to organ donations; and amending RCW 68.50.500.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 68.50.500 and 1987 c 331 s 71 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Each hospital shall develop procedures for identifying
6 potential organ and tissue donors. The procedures shall require that
7 any deceased individual's next of kin or other individual, as set forth
8 in RCW 68.50.350, at or near the time of notification of death be asked
9 whether the deceased was an organ donor. If not, the family shall be
10 informed of the option to donate organs and tissues pursuant to the
11 uniform anatomical gift act. With the approval of the designated next
12 of kin or other individual, as set forth in RCW 68.50.350, the hospital
13 shall then notify an established eye bank, tissue bank, or organ
14 procurement agency including those organ procurement agencies
15 associated with a national organ procurement transportation network or
16 other eligible donee, as specified in RCW 68.50.360, and cooperate in
17 the procurement of the anatomical gift or gifts. The procedures shall
18 encourage reasonable discretion and sensitivity to the family
19 circumstances in all discussions regarding donations of tissue or

1 organs. The procedures may take into account the deceased individual's
2 religious beliefs or obvious nonsuitability for organ and tissue
3 donation. Laws pertaining to the jurisdiction of the coroner shall be
4 complied with in all cases of reportable deaths pursuant to RCW
5 68.50.010.

6 (2) A hospital licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW shall comply with
7 this section as a condition of participating under chapter 74.08 or
8 74.09 RCW.

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