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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Robinson, Riccelli, Rodne, Bergquist, Moscoso, and Gregerson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to infectious disease testing for good
2 samaritans; and amending RCW 70.05.180.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.05.180 and 1999 c 391 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 A person rendering emergency care or transportation, commonly
7 known as a "Good Samaritan," as described in RCW 4.24.300 and
8 4.24.310, may request and receive appropriate infectious disease
9 testing free of charge from the local health department of the county
10 of her or his residence, if(~~(1)~~) while rendering emergency care
11 she or he came into contact with bodily fluids(~~(1) and (2) she or he~~
12 does not have health insurance that covers the testing)). Testing of
13 the source patient may be performed in order to guide postexposure
14 prophylaxis treatment of the good samaritan. If the exchange of
15 bodily fluids significantly increases the odds of the good samaritan
16 being exposed to a deadly infectious disease, testing of the source
17 patient may be performed without the consent of the source patient.
18 Source patient testing may be requested and received free of charge
19 from the local health department of the county of his or her
20 residence. Nothing in this section requires a local health department

1 to provide health care services beyond testing. The department shall
2 adopt rules implementing this section.

3 The information obtained from infectious disease testing is
4 subject to statutory confidentiality provisions, including those of
5 chapters 70.24 and 70.05 RCW.

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