
SENATE BILL 5726

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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(~~(2) she or he~~
12 ~~does not have health insurance that covers the testing~~). If
13 consented to by the source patient, testing of the source patient may
14 be performed in order to guide postexposure prophylaxis treatment of
15 the good samaritan. Source patient testing may be requested and
16 received free of charge from the local health department of the
17 county of his or her residence. Nothing in this section requires a
18 local health department to provide health care services beyond
19 testing. The department shall adopt rules implementing this section.

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

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