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**SENATE BILL 6501**

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**State of Washington**

**66th Legislature**

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**By** Senator Padden

1       AN ACT Relating to the unlawful disposition of human remains;  
2 amending RCW 68.50.130; and prescribing penalties.

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

4       **Sec. 1.** RCW 68.50.130 and 2019 c 432 s 21 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6       Every person who performs a disposition of any human remains,  
7 except as otherwise provided by law, in any place, except in a  
8 cemetery or a building dedicated exclusively for religious purposes,  
9 is guilty of a (~~misdemeanor~~) class C felony. Disposition of human  
10 remains following cremation, alkaline hydrolysis, or natural organic  
11 reduction may also occur on private property, with the consent of the  
12 property owner; and on public or government lands or waters with the  
13 approval of the government agency that has either jurisdiction or  
14 control, or both, of the lands or waters.

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