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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of potassium chloride or digoxin in
2 medical procedures; and adding a new section to chapter 9.02 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.02 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Any hospital or health care facility in which an abortion is
7 performed must report to the department of health whether an
8 intrafetal injection was used in an attempt to induce fetal demise,
9 such as intrafetal potassium chloride or digoxin. The department of
10 health shall adopt standards for hospitals and facilities to report
11 the information in a process that corresponds to other reporting
12 requirements regarding abortions. The department of health shall
13 summarize the information for inclusion in its reports related to
14 abortion.

15 (2) By January 1, 2018, the department of health shall adopt
16 guidelines for hospitals and health care facilities to use as best
17 practices for the environmentally responsible use and disposal of
18 potassium chloride and digoxin for medical procedures. The department
19 of health shall make the guidelines available on its web site.

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