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1 AN ACT Relating to donation of unclaimed property by law  
2 enforcement agencies; and amending RCW 63.32.050, 63.35.065, and  
3 63.40.060.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 63.32.050 and 2007 c 219 s 1 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 In addition to any other method of disposition of unclaimed  
8 property provided under this chapter, the police authorities of a  
9 city or town may donate unclaimed personal property to nonprofit  
10 charitable organizations. A nonprofit charitable organization  
11 receiving personal property donated under this section must use the  
12 property, or its proceeds, to benefit needy persons. Such  
13 organization must qualify for tax-exempt status under 26 U.S.C. Sec.  
14 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code. Police authorities of  
15 a city or town may also donate unclaimed personal property to museums  
16 or historical societies. For purposes of this section, "museum or  
17 historical society" has the same definition as in RCW 63.26.010.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 63.35.065 and 2007 c 219 s 2 are each amended to  
19 read as follows:

1        In addition to any other method of disposition of unclaimed  
2 property provided under this chapter, the state patrol may donate  
3 unclaimed personal property to nonprofit charitable organizations. A  
4 nonprofit charitable organization receiving personal property donated  
5 under this section must use the property, or its proceeds, to benefit  
6 needy persons. Such organization must qualify for tax-exempt status  
7 under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code.  
8 The state patrol may also donate unclaimed personal property to  
9 museums or historical societies. For purposes of this section,  
10 "museum or historical society" has the same definition as in RCW  
11 63.26.010.

12        **Sec. 3.** RCW 63.40.060 and 2007 c 219 s 3 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14        In addition to any other method of disposition of unclaimed  
15 property provided under this chapter, the county sheriff may donate  
16 unclaimed personal property to nonprofit charitable organizations. A  
17 nonprofit charitable organization receiving personal property donated  
18 under this section must use the property, or its proceeds, to benefit  
19 needy persons. Such organization must qualify for tax-exempt status  
20 under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code.  
21 The county sheriff may also donate unclaimed personal property to  
22 museums or historical societies. For purposes of this section,  
23 "museum or historical society" has the same definition as in RCW  
24 63.26.010.

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