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By Senators von Reichbauer, Oke, Wojahn, Bauer, Barr, Hochstatter and Winsley; by request of Legislative Budget Committee

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1 AN ACT Relating to hospice agencies; and amending RCW 70.127.050.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.127.050 and 1988 c 245 s 6 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 (~~Notwithstanding RCW 70.127.020(2) and 70.127.030(2), a volunteer~~  
6 ~~organization that provides hospice care without receiving compensation~~  
7 ~~for delivery of services that does not meet the licensure requirements~~  
8 ~~of this chapter for a hospice agency may use the phrase "volunteer~~  
9 ~~hospice" if the volunteer organization was formed prior to January 1,~~  
10 ~~1988, and the organization notifies the department prior to July 1,~~  
11 ~~1989. This section shall not be considered an exemption from the home~~  
12 ~~health agency or home care agency license provisions of this chapter.))~~

13 (1) Hospice agencies that do not receive fees for services are exempt  
14 from licensure as a hospice agency under RCW 70.127.020(2).  
15 Contributions do not constitute fees for the purposes of this section.  
16 Whether a hospice agency pays its staff is not a consideration for this  
17 exemption.

1       (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 70.127.030(2), hospice  
2 agencies that do not receive compensation for services are allowed to  
3 use the phrase "exempt hospice."

4       (3) Nothing in this chapter precludes an exempt hospice agency from  
5 obtaining a hospice license if it so chooses, but that agency would be  
6 exempt from the requirements set forth in RCW 70.127.080(1) (d) and  
7 (e).

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