
SENATE BILL 6173

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By Senators Honeyford, Costa, Deccio and Stevens

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to the priority distribution of anatomical gifts;
2 amending RCW 68.50.530; and adding new sections to chapter 68.50 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 68.50.530 and 1996 c 178 s 15 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Unless the context requires otherwise, the definitions in this
7 section apply throughout RCW 68.50.520 through 68.50.630 and 68.50.901
8 through 68.50.904 and sections 2 through 4 of this act.

9 (1) "Anatomical gift" means a donation of all or part of a human
10 body to take effect upon or after death.

11 (2) "Decedent" means a deceased individual.

12 (3) "Document of gift" means a card, a statement attached to or
13 imprinted on a motor vehicle operator's license, a will, or other
14 writing used to make an anatomical gift.

15 (4) "Donor" means an individual who makes an anatomical gift of all
16 or part of the individual's body.

17 (5) "Enucleator" means an individual who is qualified to remove or
18 process eyes or parts of eyes.

1 (6) "Hospital" means a facility licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW,
2 or as a hospital under the law of any state or a facility operated as
3 a hospital by the United States government, a state, or a subdivision
4 of a state.

5 (7) "Part" means an organ, tissue, eye, bone, artery, blood, fluid,
6 or other portion of a human body.

7 (8) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust,
8 estate, trust, partnership, joint venture, association, government,
9 governmental subdivision or agency, or any other legal or commercial
10 entity.

11 (9) "Physician" or "surgeon" means an individual licensed or
12 otherwise authorized to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic
13 medicine and surgery under chapters 18.71 and 18.57 RCW.

14 (10) "Priority distribution" means the donor's determination that
15 his or her organs shall first be distributed to a transplant program
16 located within the state of Washington.

17 (11) "Procurement organization" means a person licensed,
18 accredited, or approved under the laws of any state for procurement,
19 distribution, or storage of human bodies or parts.

20 (~~(11)~~) (12) "State" means a state, territory, or possession of
21 the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of
22 Puerto Rico.

23 (~~(12)~~) (13) "Technician" means an individual who is qualified to
24 remove or process a part.

25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 68.50 RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 All documents of gift shall include a provision that permits the
28 donor to designate priority distribution.

29 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 68.50 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 Every donor has the absolute right to specify priority distribution
32 of his or her organs.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 68.50 RCW
34 to read as follows:

1 The donor's designation of priority distribution shall be adhered
2 to or the document of gift is invalid.

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