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By Senators Deccio and Prentice

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorization of medical care of minors;
2 amending RCW 70.02.130; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.02.130 and 1991 c 335 s 601 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A person authorized to consent to health care for another may
7 exercise the rights of that person under this chapter to the extent
8 necessary to effectuate the terms or purposes of the grant of
9 authority. If the patient is a minor and is authorized to consent to
10 health care without parental consent under federal and state law, only
11 the minor may exercise the rights of a patient under this chapter as to
12 information pertaining to health care to which the minor lawfully
13 consented. In cases where parental consent is required, a health care
14 provider may rely, without incurring any civil or criminal liability
15 for such reliance, on the representation of a parent that he or she is
16 authorized to consent to health care for the minor patient regardless
17 of whether:

18 (a) The parents are married, unmarried, or separated at the time of
19 the representation;

1 (b) The consenting parent is, or is not, a custodial parent of the
2 minor;

3 (c) The giving of consent by a parent is, or is not, full
4 performance of any agreement between the parents, or of any order or
5 decree in any action entered pursuant to chapter 26.09 RCW.

6 (2) A person authorized to act for a patient shall act in good
7 faith to represent the best interests of the patient. It is a
8 misdemeanor offense punishable under RCW 9.92.030 for a person
9 authorized to act for a patient under the age of eighteen to knowingly
10 and willingly deny authorization of medical care to the minor, which
11 causes the death of the minor.

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