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By Senators McDonald, Finkbeiner, Oke and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to organ donations; adding a new section to chapter
2 68.50 RCW; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 68.50 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
7 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

8 (a) "Department" means the department of social and health
9 services.

10 (b) "Medical entity" means a hospital, organ bank, organ donation
11 organization, coroner, medical examiner, or other entity specified by
12 the department by rule.

13 (2) The organ donor data base program is created in the department.
14 The purpose of the program is to create and maintain a secure data base
15 that lists volunteer organ donors in the state. The goal of the
16 program is to increase the availability of donated organs, and to make
17 the process of donating and receiving organs more timely and efficient.

18 (3) The department must create an on-line data base containing
19 information about all eligible individuals who have volunteered as

1 organ donors in the state. The data base must be in a format that will
2 allow the department to enter and update information easily and cost
3 effectively, and allow authorized medical entities to access the data
4 base twenty-four hours a day. The data base must be private, and
5 accessible only to those medical entities authorized by the department
6 by rule.

7 (4) Information for the data base may come from existing public and
8 private organ donor lists or data bases. Information may also come
9 from a volunteer organ donor form created by the department. The
10 department must adopt by rule the content of the form to be filled out
11 by a volunteer organ donor. At a minimum, the form must include the
12 following:

13 (a) The name, address, telephone number, and date of birth of the
14 volunteer organ donor; and

15 (b) A space on the form that requires the volunteer organ donor to
16 communicate his or her wish to be an organ donor to another person over
17 age eighteen. The witness shall also provide his or her name, address,
18 and phone number, and sign the form signifying his or her understanding
19 of the volunteer organ donor's intent.

20 (5) The department must adopt by rule procedures for the broad
21 dissemination and timely retrieval of volunteer organ donation forms,
22 as well as the method and timing of entering new or updated organ donor
23 information into the data base.

24 (6) The department is authorized to adopt rules necessary to
25 implement this section.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of dollars, or as much
27 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending
28 June 30, 2001, from the general fund to the department of social and
29 health services for the purposes of this act.

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