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By Senate Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Braun, Christian, Dozier, Lias, Riccelli, Wellman, and J. Wilson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to donations for children; and amending RCW
2 70.200.010 and 70.200.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.200.010 and 1997 c 40 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
7 this section apply throughout this chapter.

8 (1) "Distributing organization" means a charitable nonprofit
9 organization under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c) of the federal internal
10 revenue code, or a public health agency acting on behalf of or in
11 conjunction with a charitable nonprofit organization or a religious
12 organization, which distributes children's items to needy persons
13 free of charge and includes any nonprofit organization that
14 distributes children's items free of charge to other nonprofit
15 organizations or the public. A public health agency shall not
16 otherwise be considered a distributing organization for purposes of
17 this chapter when it is carrying out other functions and
18 responsibilities under Title 70 RCW.

19 (2) "Donor" means a person, corporation, association, religious
20 organization, or other organization that donates children's items to
21 a distributing organization or a person, corporation, association,

1 religious organization, or other organization that repairs or updates
2 such donated items to current standards. Donor also includes any
3 person, corporation, association, religious organization, or other
4 organization which donates any space in which storage or distribution
5 of children's items takes place.

6 (3) "Children's items" include, but are not limited to, clothes,
7 diapers, food, baby formula, cribs, playpens, strollers, car seats,
8 car seat restraints, toys, high chairs, and books.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.200.020 and 1994 c 25 s 2 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (1) Donors and distributing organizations are not liable for
12 civil damages or criminal penalties resulting from the nature, age,
13 condition, or packaging of the donated children's items unless a
14 donor or distributing organization acts with gross negligence or
15 intentional misconduct.

16 (2) When accepting and distributing a car seat, a distributing
17 organization must:

18 (a) Inquire about the history of the car seat when accepting the
19 car seat;

20 (b) Include a disclosure on the car seat, stating that the
21 organization is not aware of the history of the car seat and
22 therefore cannot make any safety guarantees; and

23 (c) Confirm that the car seat is not expired and is not subject
24 to a safety recall, and not distribute or donate any car seat which
25 is expired or subject to a safety recall.

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