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By Representatives Ludwig, Padden, R. Meyers, Ferguson, Miller, Orr, Kremen, Winsley and Sheldon.

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1 AN ACT Relating to deductibility of funeral expenses and costs of  
2 administration; and adding a new section to chapter 11.76 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 11.76 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 Funeral expenses and costs of administration shall be deemed debts  
7 payable out of the estate of the deceased spouse, and shall not be  
8 charged to the community share of a surviving spouse, whether or not  
9 the surviving spouse is financially able to pay such expenses and  
10 whether or not the surviving spouse or any other person is also liable  
11 therefor.