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**SENATE BILL 5186**

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**By** Senators Goings, Roach, Haugen, Johnson, Winsley and Rasmussen

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1            AN ACT Relating to the dissemination of medical information for use  
2 in emergency situations; and adding a new section to chapter 70.24 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 70.24 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) Law enforcement and fire departments may collect, retain, and  
7 disseminate medical information in accordance with rules adopted under  
8 this section.

9            (2) Only medical information obtained voluntarily from the person  
10 who is the subject of the emergency may be collected, retained, or  
11 disseminated.

12            (3) Information may be broadcast as a part of a service call, must  
13 not identify the nature of the medical records or the person who may  
14 have a medical condition and who is likely to be at the scene of the  
15 incident, and may be used only as a method of alerting the persons  
16 responding to the call that a person who is likely to be at the scene  
17 of the incident may have a medical condition.

1           (4) Knowledge of a person's medical condition, including the  
2 presence of a communicable disease, should not change the level of  
3 treatment provided for that person.

4           (5) The department of labor and industries shall adopt rules  
5 implementing this section.

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