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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington state organ donor medal; and
2 adding a new chapter to Title 1 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that persons who
5 donate organs help save the lives and promote the well-being of others
6 in a manner that demonstrates the noblest side of human nature. Many
7 families and friends of both the donors and the donees may want to
8 remember the special act of donation in a way that honors the memory of
9 the donor and encourages donation by others in the future.

10 To recognize the special kindness of those who donate their organs,
11 the legislature establishes the Washington state organ donor medal.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
13 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
14 chapter.

15 (1) "Organ donor" means an individual who makes an anatomical gift
16 as specified in RCW 68.50.530(1).

17 (2) "Person" means a person specified in RCW 68.50.550.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Application for the Washington state organ
2 donor medal shall be made as follows:

3 (1) Family members of an organ donor may apply to the governor's
4 office to receive a Washington state organ donor medal.

5 (2) A federally certified organ procurement organization through
6 which a person made an organ donation and requested an organ donor
7 medal may apply to the governor's office on behalf of the person or
8 family members.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The governor's office shall award a
10 Washington state organ donor medal to all eligible families or persons
11 under the following conditions:

12 (a) The organ procurement organization shall determine whether the
13 individual or person requesting the medal is eligible under this
14 section to receive the medal described in section 5 of this act and
15 shall submit documentation supporting the eligibility of the individual
16 or person to the governor's office.

17 (b) The governor's office shall award the medal and direct the
18 organ procurement organization to arrange for the presentation to a
19 family or person who requested a medal under this section and who has
20 been determined by the organ procurement organization to be eligible to
21 receive a medal under this section.

22 (2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection and subsection
23 (3) of this section, only one medal may be presented to the family of
24 an organ donor.

25 (b) In the case of a family in which more than one member is an
26 organ donor, the governor shall award and the organ procurement
27 organization contractor shall present an additional medal on behalf of
28 each organ donor to his or her eligible family.

29 (3)(a) Duplicate medals may be purchased by the family or person
30 eligible to receive the medal. The price of the duplicate medal shall
31 be sufficient to cover its cost.

32 (b) Anyone not eligible to receive a medal under this chapter may
33 request from the eligible family or person permission to purchase
34 duplicate medals. The family's or person's decision to grant or
35 withhold permission shall be in writing and shall be final. The
36 family's or person's decision shall be honored by the governor.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The Washington state organ donor medal shall
2 be of bronze and shall consist of the seal of the state of Washington,
3 surrounded by a raised laurel wreath and suspended from a ring attached
4 by a dark green ribbon. The reverse of the decoration within the
5 raised laurel wreath shall be inscribed with the words: "For the
6 greatest act of kindness in donating organs to enhance the lives of
7 others."

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act constitute
9 a new chapter in Title 1 RCW.

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