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**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6667** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators B. Sheldon, Winsley, Snyder, T. Sheldon, Fairley, McAuliffe, Brown, Kohl, Rasmussen, Prentice, Patterson, Haugen, Loveland, Hargrove, Kline, Franklin, Wojahn, Jacobsen and Bauer)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington gift of life medal; and adding a
2 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 gift of life 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) "Organ procurement organization" means any accredited or
18 certified organ or eye bank.

1 (3) "Person" means a person specified in RCW 68.50.550.

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Application for the Washington gift of life
3 medal shall be made as follows:

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

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

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

13 (a) The organ procurement organization shall determine whether the
14 individual or person requesting the medal is eligible under this
15 section to receive the medal described in section 5 of this act and
16 shall submit documentation supporting the eligibility of the individual
17 or person to the governor's office. If more than one organ procurement
18 organization is involved, they shall coordinate in harmony to designate
19 by consensus the organ procurement organization among them to have
20 primary administrative responsibility under this chapter.

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

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

29 (b) In the case of a family in which more than one member is an
30 organ donor, the governor shall award and the primary organ procurement
31 organization shall present an additional medal on behalf of each organ
32 donor to his or her eligible family.

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

36 (b) Anyone not eligible to receive a medal under this chapter may
37 request from the eligible family or person permission to purchase

1 duplicate medals. The family's or person's decision to grant or
2 withhold permission shall be in writing and shall be final. The
3 family's or person's decision shall be honored by the governor.

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

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

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