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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington gift of life award; amending RCW  
2 1.50.005, 1.50.030, and 1.50.040; and repealing RCW 1.50.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 1.50.005 and 1998 c 59 s 1 are each amended to read as  
5 follows:

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

12 To recognize the special kindness of those who donate their organs,  
13 the legislature establishes the Washington gift of life (~~medal~~)  
14 award.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.50.030 and 1998 c 59 s 4 are each amended to read as  
16 follows:

1       (~~(1)~~) The governor's office shall (~~award a~~) present the  
2 Washington gift of life (~~medal~~) award to (~~all~~) six eligible  
3 families or persons per year under the following (~~conditions~~):

4       (~~(a)~~) (1) The organ procurement organization shall (~~determine~~  
5 ~~whether the~~) nominate the six individuals or persons (~~requesting the~~  
6 ~~medal is~~) eligible under this section (~~to receive the medal described~~  
7 ~~in RCW 1.50.040~~) to represent all those who have donated organs and  
8 shall submit documentation supporting the eligibility of the individual  
9 or person to the governor's office. If more than one organ procurement  
10 organization is involved, they shall coordinate in harmony to designate  
11 by consensus the organ procurement organization among them to have  
12 primary administrative responsibility under this chapter.

13       (~~(b)~~) (2) The governor's office shall (~~award the medal and~~  
14 ~~direct the primary organ procurement organization to arrange for the~~  
15 ~~presentation to a family or person who requested a medal under this~~  
16 ~~section and who has been determined by the organ procurement~~  
17 ~~organization to be eligible to receive a medal under this section.~~

18       ~~(2)(a)~~ Except as provided in ~~(b)~~ of this subsection and subsection  
19 ~~(3)~~ of this section, present the awards on an annual basis in  
20 coordination with the organ procurement organization. Only one medal  
21 may be presented to the family of an organ donor.

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

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

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

34       **Sec. 3.** RCW 1.50.040 and 1998 c 59 s 5 are each amended to read as  
35 follows:

36       The Washington gift of life (~~medal shall be of bronze and~~) award  
37 shall consist of the seal of the state of Washington(~~, surrounded by~~  
38 ~~a raised laurel wreath and suspended from a ring attached by a dark~~

1 green ribbon. ~~The reverse of the decoration within the raised laurel~~  
2 ~~wreath shall))~~ and be inscribed with the words: "For the greatest act  
3 of kindness in donating organs to enhance the lives of others."

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** RCW 1.50.020 (Application for medal) and  
5 1998 c 59 s 3 are each repealed.

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