
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6214

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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Deccio, Winsley and Franklin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to requirements for consent to and refusal of
2 cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and adding a new chapter to Title 70
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The definitions in this section apply
6 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

7 (1) "Cardiopulmonary resuscitation" means measures to restore
8 cardiac function or to support ventilation in the event of cardiac or
9 respiratory arrest. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall not include
10 measures to improve ventilation and cardiac functions in the absence of
11 an arrest.

12 (2) "Do-not-resuscitate" means a decision to not attempt
13 cardiopulmonary resuscitation in the event a patient suffers cardiac or
14 respiratory arrest.

15 (3) "Legal representative" means a person authorized under RCW
16 7.70.065 to provide informed consent to health care for a patient who
17 is incompetent, as defined in RCW 11.88.010(1)(e).

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Consent to cardiopulmonary resuscitation
2 or to do-not-resuscitate may be provided by the patient or legal
3 representative when a licensed physician has determined and documented
4 at least one of the following factors:

5 (a) A high medical probability, based on the patient's current
6 medical condition, that the patient's heart will stop or breathing will
7 stop, or both will stop;

8 (b) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation treatment would be medically
9 futile;

10 (c) The patient has a terminal condition as defined in RCW
11 70.122.020;

12 (d) The patient has a permanent unconscious condition, as defined
13 in RCW 70.122.020; or

14 (e) Resuscitation would impose an extraordinary burden on the
15 patient given the patient's current medical condition and the expected
16 outcome of resuscitation for the patient.

17 (2) A consent to cardiopulmonary resuscitation or do-not-
18 resuscitate expressed according to this chapter must be honored. This
19 chapter must not be interpreted to limit the ability of an adult person
20 to execute a directive under chapter 70.122 RCW.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act constitute a
22 new chapter in Title 70 RCW.

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