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By Senators Patterson, Roach and Winsley; by request of Washington State Patrol

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1 AN ACT Relating to submission of unidentified persons information;
2 and amending RCW 68.50.330.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 68.50.330 and 1984 c 17 s 19 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 If the county coroner or county medical examiner investigating a
7 death is unable to establish the identity of a body or human remains by
8 visual means, fingerprints, or other identifying data, he or she shall
9 have a qualified dentist, as determined by the county coroner or county
10 medical examiner, carry out a dental examination of the body or human
11 remains. If the county coroner or county medical examiner with the aid
12 of the dental examination and other identifying findings is still
13 unable to establish the identity of the body or human remains, he or
14 she shall prepare and forward such dental examination records within
15 thirty days of the date the body or human remains were found to the
16 dental identification system of the state patrol identification and
17 criminal history section on forms supplied by the state patrol for such
18 purposes.

1 The dental identification system shall act as a repository or
2 computer center or both with respect to such dental examination
3 records. It shall compare such dental examination records with dental
4 records filed with it and shall determine which scoring probabilities
5 are the highest for the purposes of identification. It shall then
6 submit such information to the county coroner or county medical
7 examiner who prepared and forwarded the dental examination records.

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