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By House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Seaquist, Morrell, Curtis, Green, Moeller and Ormsby)

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing advanced registered nurse practitioners
2 to examine and obtain copies of autopsy reports and records; and
3 amending RCW 68.50.105.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 68.50.105 and 1987 c 331 s 58 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Reports and records of autopsies or post mortems shall be
8 confidential, except that the following persons may examine and obtain
9 copies of any such report or record: The personal representative of
10 the decedent as defined in RCW 11.02.005, any family member, the
11 attending physician or advanced registered nurse practitioner, the
12 prosecuting attorney or law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction,
13 public health officials, or to the department of labor and industries
14 in cases in which it has an interest under RCW 68.50.103.

15 The coroner, the medical examiner, or the attending physician or
16 advanced registered nurse practitioner shall, upon request, meet with
17 the family of the decedent to discuss the findings of the autopsy or
18 post mortem. For the purposes of this section, the term "family" means

1 the surviving spouse, or any child, parent, grandparent, grandchild,
2 brother, or sister of the decedent, or any person who was guardian of
3 the decedent at the time of death.

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