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1 AN ACT Relating to hospital end-of-life care policies; amending
2 RCW 70.41.520; adding a new section to chapter 70.41 RCW; and
3 providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.41.520 and 2019 c 399 s 4 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) (~~By September 1, 2019, every~~) Every hospital must submit to
8 the department its policies related to access to care regarding:

9 (a) Admission;

10 (b) End-of-life care and the death with dignity act, chapter
11 70.245 RCW;

12 (c) Nondiscrimination; and

13 (~~(e)~~) (d) Reproductive health care.

14 (2) The department shall post a copy of the policies received
15 under subsection (1) of this section on its web site.

16 (3) If a hospital makes changes to any of the policies listed
17 under subsection (1) of this section, it must submit a copy of the
18 changed policy to the department within thirty days after the
19 hospital approves the changes.

20 (4) A hospital must post a copy of the policies provided to the
21 department under subsection (1) of this section and the form required

1 under subsection (5) of this section to the hospital's own web site
2 in a location where the policies are readily accessible to the public
3 without a required login or other restriction.

4 (5) (~~By September 1, 2019, the~~) The department shall, in
5 consultation with stakeholders including a hospital association and
6 patient advocacy groups, develop a simple and clear form to be
7 submitted by hospitals along with the policies required in subsection
8 (1) of this section. The form must provide the public with specific
9 information about which reproductive health care services and end-of-
10 life services are and are not generally available at each hospital.
11 The form must include contact information for the hospital in case
12 patients have specific questions about services available at the
13 hospital.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.41
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 By August 1, 2020, the department of health shall update the form
17 required in RCW 70.41.520(5) to include services related to end-of-
18 life care and the death with dignity act, chapter 70.245 RCW.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act takes effect
20 September 1, 2020.

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