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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6186**

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**By** Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Sheldon, Prentice, Wojahn, Thibaudeau, Fairley, Kohl, Bauer, Snyder, Heavey and Winsley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington state organ donor medal; and  
2 adding a new chapter to Title 1 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that persons who  
5 donate organs help save the lives and promote the well-being of others  
6 in a manner that demonstrates the noblest side of human nature. Many  
7 families and friends of both the donors and the donees may want to  
8 remember the special act of donation in a way that honors the memory of  
9 the donor and encourages donation by others in the future.

10 To recognize the special kindness of those who donate their organs,  
11 the legislature establishes the Washington state organ donor medal.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires  
13 otherwise, as used in this chapter, "person" means a person specified  
14 in RCW 68.50.550.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Application for the Washington state organ  
16 donor medal shall be made as follows:

1 (1) Family members of an organ donor may apply to the governor's  
2 office to receive a Washington state organ donor medal.

3 (2) A federally certified organ procurement organization through  
4 which a person made an organ donation and requested an organ donor  
5 medal may apply to the governor's office on behalf of the person or  
6 family members.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The governor's office shall award a  
8 Washington state organ donor medal to all eligible families or persons  
9 under the following conditions:

10 (a) The organ procurement organization shall determine whether the  
11 individual or person requesting the medal is eligible under this  
12 section to receive the medal described in section 5 of this act and  
13 shall submit documentation supporting the eligibility of the individual  
14 or person to the governor's office.

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

20 (2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection and subsection  
21 (3) of this section, only one medal may be presented to the family of  
22 an organ donor.

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

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

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

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The Washington state organ donor medal shall  
36 be of bronze and shall consist of the seal of the state of Washington,  
37 surrounded by a raised laurel wreath and suspended from a ring attached

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall  
6 constitute a new chapter in Title 1 RCW.

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