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By Representatives Chandler, Ogden, Silver, Fuhrman, Sommers, Locke, Jones and Hansen; by request of Legislative Budget Committee

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1 AN ACT Relating to hospice agencies; and amending RCW 70.127.050.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.127.050 and 1988 c 245 s 6 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (~~Notwithstanding RCW 70.127.020(2) and 70.127.030(2), a volunteer~~
6 ~~organization that provides hospice care without receiving compensation~~
7 ~~for delivery of services that does not meet the licensure requirements~~
8 ~~of this chapter for a hospice agency may use the phrase "volunteer~~
9 ~~hospice" if the volunteer organization was formed prior to January 1,~~
10 ~~1988, and the organization notifies the department prior to July 1,~~
11 ~~1989. This section shall not be considered an exemption from the home~~
12 ~~health agency or home care agency license provisions of this chapter.))~~

13 (1) Hospice agencies that do not receive fees for services are exempt
14 from licensure as a hospice agency under RCW 70.127.020(2).
15 Contributions do not constitute fees for the purposes of this section.
16 Whether a hospice agency pays its staff is not a consideration for this
17 exemption.

1 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 70.127.030(2), hospice
2 agencies that do not receive compensation for services are allowed to
3 use the phrase "exempt hospice."

4 (3) Nothing in this chapter precludes an exempt hospice agency from
5 obtaining a hospice license if it so chooses, but that agency would be
6 exempt from the requirements set forth in RCW 70.127.080(1) (d) and
7 (e).

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