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By Representatives Robinson, Jinkins, and Morrell

1 AN ACT Relating to infectious disease testing for good samaritans;  
2 and amending RCW 70.05.180.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.05.180 and 1999 c 391 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 A person rendering emergency care or transportation, commonly known  
7 as a "Good Samaritan," as described in RCW 4.24.300 and 4.24.310, may  
8 request and receive appropriate infectious disease testing free of  
9 charge from the local health department of the county of her or his  
10 residence, if(~~(1)~~) while rendering emergency care she or he came  
11 into contact with bodily fluids(~~(2) she or he does not have~~  
12 health insurance that covers the testing). If consented to by the  
13 source patient, testing of the source patient may be performed in order  
14 to guide postexposure prophylaxis treatment of the good samaritan.  
15 Source patient testing may be requested and received free of charge  
16 from the local health department of the county of his or her residence.  
17 Nothing in this section requires a local health department to provide  
18 health care services beyond testing. The department shall adopt rules  
19 implementing this section.

1           The information obtained from infectious disease testing is subject  
2 to statutory confidentiality provisions, including those of chapters  
3 70.24 and 70.05 RCW.

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