

Washington

[Excerpted from: [Carter v. Canada \(Attorney General\), 2012 BCSC 886 \(CanLII\)](#)]

[401] In November 2008, Washington State voters passed their *Death With Dignity Act*, Wash. Rev. Code §70.245 (2009) [the Washington Act], through a ballot initiative by a vote of 58% to 42%. The Act came into the effect in March 2009.

[402] The Washington Act is substantially similar to the *ODDA* [[Oregon's Death With Dignity Act](#)] upon which it was modelled. One area in which it differs is by making express that the patient must self-administer the medication. The reporting requirements are also virtually identical to *ODDA*.