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- 1 AN ACT Relating to adding enforcement provisions regarding fraud,
- 2 deception, and unlicensed internet lending to the chapter governing
- 3 check cashers and sellers; and adding a new section to chapter 31.45
- 4 RCW.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 31.45 RCW to read as follows:
- 8 (1) It is a violation of this chapter for any person subject to this chapter to:
- 10 (a) Directly or indirectly employ any scheme, device, or artifice 11 to defraud or mislead any borrower, to defraud or mislead any lender, 12 or to defraud or mislead any person;
- 13 (b) Directly or indirectly engage in any unfair or deceptive 14 practice toward any person;
- 15 (c) Directly or indirectly obtain property by fraud or 16 misrepresentation; and
- 17 (d) Make a small loan to any person physically located in 18 Washington through use of the internet, facsimile, telephone, kiosk, or 19 other means without first obtaining a small loan endorsement.

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1 (2) In addition to any other penalties, any transaction in 2 violation of subsection (1) of this section is uncollectible and 3 unenforceable.

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