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1 AN ACT Relating to reporting identity theft cases; adding a new
2 section to chapter 43.43 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 9.35
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The Washington state patrol shall create and maintain a call
8 center and a statewide web site that shall be available for the filing
9 of incident reports relating to identity crimes under chapter 9.35 RCW.

10 (2) The web site shall contain instructions to the general public
11 on how to utilize the web site to create and file an incident report
12 relating to identity theft. At a minimum, when filing an incident
13 report, the web site shall request, but is not limited to: The name of
14 the person completing the form, the complainant's name, address, phone
15 number, date and place that the incident may have occurred, a
16 description of the identity theft crime that has taken place, and any
17 other information that is deemed necessary according to the Washington
18 state patrol.

1 (3) The call center shall take all relevant information regarding
2 the complainant's identity theft-related case for the creation of an
3 incident report. At a minimum, when filing an incident report, the
4 call center shall request, but is not limited to: The name of the
5 person completing the form, the complainant's name, address, phone
6 number, date and place that the incident may have occurred, a
7 description of the identity theft crime that has taken place, and any
8 other information that is deemed necessary according to the Washington
9 state patrol. The call center shall be open and available to the
10 public Monday through Friday from eight a.m. until five p.m.

11 (4) The Washington state patrol must provide the complainant with
12 a response, a case number, and copy of any incident report filed by
13 phone or via internet within forty eight hours.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 9.35 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) A person who has learned or reasonably suspects that his or her
17 financial information or means of identification has been unlawfully
18 obtained, used by, or disclosed to another, as described in this
19 chapter, may file an incident report with the Washington state patrol
20 via the call center or web site established in section 1 of this act.
21 The Washington state patrol shall create a police incident report of
22 the matter, provide the complainant with a copy of that report with a
23 corresponding case number within forty-eight hours, and may refer the
24 incident report to another appropriate law enforcement agency.

25 (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a law
26 enforcement agency to investigate reports claiming identity theft. An
27 incident report filed under this section is not required to be counted
28 as an open case for purposes of compiling open case statistics.

29 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a person
30 from filing an incident report with a law enforcement agency other than
31 the Washington state patrol.

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