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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the collection of third-party fees
2 in connection with making consumer loans; and amending RCW 31.04.105.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 31.04.105 and 1994 c 92 s 167 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Every licensee may:

7 (1) Lend money at a rate that does not exceed twenty-five percent
8 per annum as determined by the simple interest method of calculating
9 interest owed;

10 (2) In connection with the making of a loan, charge the borrower a
11 nonrefundable, prepaid, loan origination fee not to exceed four percent
12 of the first twenty thousand dollars and two percent thereafter of the
13 principal amount of the loan advanced to or for the direct benefit of
14 the borrower, which fee may be included in the principal balance of the
15 loan;

16 (3) Agree with the borrower for the payment of fees (~~for title~~
17 ~~insurance, appraisals, recording, reconveyance, and releasing~~) to
18 third parties who provide goods or services in connection with the
19 preparation of the borrower's loan, including, but not limited to,

1 credit reporting agencies, title companies, appraisers, structural and
2 pest inspectors, and escrow companies, when such fees are actually paid
3 by the licensee to a third party for such services or purposes and may
4 include such fees in the amount of the loan. However, no charge may be
5 collected unless a loan is made, except for reasonable fees properly
6 incurred in connection with the appraisal of property by a qualified,
7 independent, professional, third-party appraiser selected by the
8 borrower and approved by the lender or in the absence of borrower
9 selection, selected by the lender;

10 (4) Charge and collect a penalty of ten cents or less on each
11 dollar of any installment payment delinquent ten days or more;

12 (5) Collect from the debtor reasonable attorneys' fees, actual
13 expenses, and costs incurred in connection with the collection of a
14 delinquent debt, a repossession, or a foreclosure when a debt is
15 referred for collection to an attorney who is not a salaried employee
16 of the licensee;

17 (6) Make open-end loans as provided in this chapter;

18 (7) Charge and collect a fee for dishonored checks in an amount
19 approved by the director; and

20 (8) In accordance with Title 48 RCW, sell insurance covering real
21 and personal property, covering the life or disability or both of the
22 borrower, and covering the involuntary unemployment of the borrower.

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