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SENATE BILL 5049

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By Senators Wood, Prentice, Horn, Brown, Prince and Haugen

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1            AN ACT Relating to lists of registered and legal owners of  
2 vehicles; and amending RCW 46.12.370.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.12.370 and 1982 c 215 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            In addition to any other authority which it may have, the  
7 department of licensing may furnish lists of registered and legal  
8 owners of motor vehicles only for the purposes specified in this  
9 section to:

10            (1) The manufacturers of motor vehicles, or their authorized  
11 agents, to be used to enable those manufacturers to carry out the  
12 provisions of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966  
13 (15 U.S.C. sec. 1382-1418), including amendments or additions thereto,  
14 respecting safety-related defects in motor vehicles;

15            (2) Any governmental agency of the United States or Canada, or  
16 political subdivisions thereof, to be used by it or by its authorized  
17 commercial agents or contractors only in connection with the  
18 enforcement of motor vehicle or traffic laws by, or programs related to  
19 traffic safety of, that government agency. Only such parts of the list

1 as are required for completion of the work required of the agent or  
2 contractor shall be provided to such agent or contractor; ~~((or))~~

3 (3) A commercial parking company requiring the names and addresses  
4 of registered owners to notify them of outstanding parking violations.  
5 The department may provide only the parts of the list that are required  
6 for completion of the work required of the company; or

7 (4) Any business regularly making loans to other persons to finance  
8 the purchase of motor vehicles, to be used to assist the person  
9 requesting the list to determine ownership of specific vehicles for the  
10 purpose of determining whether or not to provide such financing.

11 In the event a list of registered and legal owners of motor  
12 vehicles is used for any purpose other than that authorized in  
13 ~~((subsections (1), (2) and (3) of))~~ this section, the manufacturer,  
14 governmental agency, commercial parking company, financial institution,  
15 or their authorized agents or contractors responsible for the  
16 unauthorized disclosure or use will be denied further access to such  
17 information by the department of licensing.

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