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HOUSE BILL 2859

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State of Washington

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By Representative Nixon

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1 AN ACT Relating to governmental licenses, certificates,  
2 endorsements, and registrations; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is evidence  
5 that some state licenses and certificates are being counterfeited. As  
6 a result, people without proper training and where required, background  
7 checks, are obtaining employment, often with our most vulnerable  
8 citizens. Because of the ease of counterfeiting these documents, there  
9 are many opportunities for fraud, theft, and abuse. Therefore, the  
10 legislature finds that in order to ensure the authenticity of these  
11 documents, there should be an inquiry into (1) requiring that  
12 governmental licenses, certificates, endorsements, and registrations be  
13 printed on paper that is resistant to counterfeiting and (2) a means  
14 for verifying such authenticity in real-time by internet or telephone.

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