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SENATE BILL 5799

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By Senators T. Sheldon, West, Gardner, Hochstatter and Oke; by request of Department of Information Services

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to fraudulently obtaining or using digital
- 2 signatures and digital certificates; adding a new section to chapter
- 3 9.38 RCW; and prescribing penalties.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.38 RCW 6 to read as follows:
- 7 (1) A person shall not knowingly misrepresent the person's identity
- 8 or authorization to obtain a public key certificate used to reference
- 9 a private key for creating a digital signature.
- 10 (2) A person shall not knowingly forge a digital signature as 11 defined in RCW 19.34.020(16).
- 12 (3) A person shall not knowingly present a public key certificate
- 13 for which the person is not the owner of the corresponding private key
- 14 in order to obtain unauthorized access to information or engage in an
- 15 unauthorized transaction.
- 16 (4) The definitions in RCW 19.34.020 apply to this section.

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1 (5) A person who violates this section is guilty of a class C 2 felony.

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