HOUSE BILL 1064

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to locksmith services; and adding a new chapter
- 2 to Title 19 RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
 - (1) "Local telephone directory" means a publication listing telephone numbers for various businesses in a certain geographic area and distributed free of charge to some or all telephone subscribers in that area.
- 11 (2) "Local telephone number" means a telephone number that can be 12 dialed without incurring long distance charges from telephones 13 located within the area covered by the local telephone directory in 14 which the number is listed. The term does not include long distance 15 numbers, toll-free numbers, or nine-hundred exchange numbers listed 16 in a local telephone directory.
- 17 (3) "Locksmith services" means:
- 18 (a) Selling, installing, servicing, repairing, repinning,
- 19 recombinating, and adjusting locks, safes, vaults, or safe deposit
- 20 boxes;

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21 (b) Originating keys;

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- 1 (c) Operating, bypassing, or neutralizing locks, safes, vaults, or safe deposit boxes;
- 3 (d) Creating, documenting, selling, installing, managing, and
 4 servicing master-key systems;
- 5 (e) Unlocking, bypassing, or neutralizing locks for motor 6 vehicles;
- 7 (f) Originating keys for motor vehicles, which can include the 8 programming, reprogramming, or bypassing of any security transponder, 9 immobilizer system, or subsequent technology built by the 10 manufacturer; and
- 11 (g) Keying or recombinating motor vehicle locks.
- 12 (4) "Person" means an individual, partnership, limited liability 13 partnership, corporation, or limited liability corporation.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. No person engaged in locksmith services may misrepresent his, her, or its geographic location by:
- 16 (1) Listing a local telephone number in a local telephone 17 directory or on an internet web site if:
- 18 (a) Calls to the telephone number are routinely forwarded or 19 otherwise transferred to a business location that is outside the 20 calling area covered by the local telephone directory or outside the 21 local calling area for the local telephone number listed on an 22 internet web site; and
- 23 (b) The listing fails to conspicuously disclose the locality and 24 state in which the business is located; or
- 25 (2) Listing a business name in a local telephone directory or on 26 an internet web site if:
- 27 (a) The name misrepresents the business's geographic location; 28 and
- 29 (b) The listing fails to disclose the locality and state in which 30 the business is located.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The legislature finds that the practices covered by this chapter are matters vitally affecting the public interest for the purpose of applying chapter 19.86 RCW. A violation of this chapter is not reasonable in relation to the development and preservation of business and is an unfair or deceptive act in trade or commerce and an unfair method of competition for the purpose of applying chapter 19.86 RCW.

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- 1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act
- 2 constitute a new chapter in Title 19 RCW.

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