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1 AN ACT Relating to distribution of governmental lists and
2 information; amending RCW 46.12.370; adding a new section to chapter
3 46.12 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 42.17 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.12 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The department may furnish lists and other information it makes
8 available to law enforcement agencies or other federal, state, or local
9 government agencies, including lists and information on magnetic tape
10 and in computer readable form, to private companies that provide on-
11 line computer data base services with data bases consisting primarily
12 of public records. The department shall first obtain the written
13 agreement and assurances of the data base company satisfactory to the
14 department that the company will supply the lists and information so
15 obtained only to law enforcement and other federal, state, or local
16 government agencies solely for law enforcement or government purposes.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.12.370 and 1982 c 215 s 1 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

1 In addition to any other authority which it may have, the
2 department of licensing may furnish lists of registered and legal
3 owners of motor vehicles only for the purposes specified in this
4 section to:

5 (1) The manufacturers of motor vehicles, or their authorized
6 agents, to be used to enable those manufacturers to carry out the
7 provisions of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966
8 (15 U.S.C. sec. 1382-1418), including amendments or additions thereto,
9 respecting safety-related defects in motor vehicles;

10 (2) Any governmental agency of the United States or Canada, or
11 political subdivisions thereof, to be used by it or by its authorized
12 commercial agents or contractors only in connection with the
13 enforcement of motor vehicle or traffic laws by, or programs related to
14 traffic safety of, that government agency. Only such parts of the list
15 as are required for completion of the work required of the agent or
16 contractor shall be provided to such agent or contractor; ~~((or))~~

17 (3) Any business regularly making loans to other persons to finance
18 the purchase of motor vehicles, to be used to assist the person
19 requesting the list to determine ownership of specific vehicles for the
20 purpose of determining whether or not to provide such financing. In
21 the event a list of registered and legal owners of motor vehicles is
22 used for any purpose other than that authorized in subsections (1), (2)
23 ~~((and))~~, (3), or (4) of this section, the manufacturer, governmental
24 agency, financial institution or ~~((their))~~ its authorized agents or
25 contractors responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or use will be
26 denied further access to such information by the department of
27 licensing; or

28 (4) To private companies that provide on-line computer data base
29 services as provided for in section 1 of this act.

30 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW
31 to read as follows:

32 In addition to the provisions of RCW 42.17.260, state agencies may
33 furnish lists and other information they make available to law
34 enforcement agencies or other federal, state, or local government
35 agencies, including lists and information on magnetic tape and in
36 computer readable form, to private companies that provide on-line
37 computer data base services with data bases consisting primarily of
38 public records. An agency shall first obtain the written agreement and

1 assurances of the data base company satisfactory to the agency that the
2 company will supply the lists and information so obtained only to law
3 enforcement and other federal, state, or local government agencies
4 solely for law enforcement or government purposes.

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