

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5597

As of February 17, 2013

Title: An act relating to locksmith services.

Brief Description: Concerning locksmith services.

Sponsors: Senators Conway, Hasegawa, King and Holmquist Newbry.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Commerce & Labor: 2/18/13.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Staff: Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

Background: The Consumer Protection Act (ACT) prohibits unfair or deceptive practices in commerce. The Act may be enforced by private legal action or through a civil action by the Attorney General. False advertising and false representation may constitute unfair and deceptive practices.

Summary of Bill: Locksmiths cannot misrepresent their geographic location by listing a local telephone number in a local telephone directory if, without conspicuous disclosure, calls to the number are routinely forwarded to a location outside the calling area covered by the directory.

Locksmiths cannot list a business name in a local telephone directory if the name misrepresents the geographic location of the business and the listing fails to disclose the locality and state of the business.

The legislation may be enforced through the Act.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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