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1 AN ACT Relating to dissemination of criminal history record
2 information to the Washington horse racing commission; and amending RCW
3 10.97.050.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 10.97.050 and 1990 c 3 s 129 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Conviction records may be disseminated without restriction.

8 (2) Any criminal history record information which pertains to an
9 incident for which a person is currently being processed by the
10 criminal justice system, including the entire period of correctional
11 supervision extending through final discharge from parole, when
12 applicable, may be disseminated without restriction.

13 (3) Criminal history record information which includes
14 nonconviction data may be disseminated by a criminal justice agency to
15 another criminal justice agency for any purpose associated with the
16 administration of criminal justice, or in connection with the
17 employment of the subject of the record by a criminal justice or
18 juvenile justice agency. A criminal justice agency may respond to any
19 inquiry from another criminal justice agency without any obligation to

1 ascertain the purpose for which the information is to be used by the
2 agency making the inquiry.

3 (4) Criminal history record information that includes nonconviction
4 data may be disseminated by a criminal justice agency to the Washington
5 state horse racing commission for any purpose associated with the
6 investigation for suitability for involvement in horse racing
7 activities authorized under chapter 67.16 RCW.

8 (5) Criminal history record information which includes
9 nonconviction data may be disseminated by a criminal justice agency to
10 implement a statute, ordinance, executive order, or a court rule,
11 decision, or order which expressly refers to records of arrest,
12 charges, or allegations of criminal conduct or other nonconviction data
13 and authorizes or directs that it be available or accessible for a
14 specific purpose.

15 (~~(5)~~) (6) Criminal history record information which includes
16 nonconviction data may be disseminated to individuals and agencies
17 pursuant to a contract with a criminal justice agency to provide
18 services related to the administration of criminal justice. Such
19 contract must specifically authorize access to criminal history record
20 information, but need not specifically state that access to
21 nonconviction data is included. The agreement must limit the use of
22 the criminal history record information to stated purposes and insure
23 the confidentiality and security of the information consistent with
24 state law and any applicable federal statutes and regulations.

25 (~~(6)~~) (7) Criminal history record information which includes
26 nonconviction data may be disseminated to individuals and agencies for
27 the express purpose of research, evaluative, or statistical activities
28 pursuant to an agreement with a criminal justice agency. Such
29 agreement must authorize the access to nonconviction data, limit the
30 use of that information which identifies specific individuals to
31 research, evaluative, or statistical purposes, and contain provisions
32 giving notice to the person or organization to which the records are
33 disseminated that the use of information obtained therefrom and further
34 dissemination of such information are subject to the provisions of this
35 chapter and applicable federal statutes and regulations, which shall be
36 cited with express reference to the penalties provided for a violation
37 thereof.

38 (~~(7)~~) (8) Every criminal justice agency that maintains and
39 disseminates criminal history record information must maintain

1 information pertaining to every dissemination of criminal history
2 record information except a dissemination to the effect that the agency
3 has no record concerning an individual. Information pertaining to
4 disseminations shall include:

5 (a) An indication of to whom (agency or person) criminal history
6 record information was disseminated;

7 (b) The date on which the information was disseminated;

8 (c) The individual to whom the information relates; and

9 (d) A brief description of the information disseminated.

10 The information pertaining to dissemination required to be
11 maintained shall be retained for a period of not less than one year.

12 ~~((8))~~ (9) In addition to the other provisions in this section
13 allowing dissemination of criminal history record information, RCW
14 4.24.550 governs dissemination of information concerning offenders who
15 commit sex offenses as defined by RCW 9.94A.030. Criminal justice
16 agencies, their employees, and officials shall be immune from civil
17 liability for dissemination on criminal history record information
18 concerning sex offenders as provided in RCW 4.24.550.

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