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1 AN ACT Relating to confidentiality of certain public transportation
2 information; and adding a new section to chapter 42.17 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The names and other identifying or personally identifiable
7 information of, or relating to, the following persons, which
8 information is maintained by or on behalf of a public agency performing
9 public transportation functions, are exempt from disclosure under this
10 chapter:

11 (a) Current or former participants, applicants, and potential
12 participants in any vanpool, carpool, or other ride-sharing programs
13 processed or administered by such public agency, except that the agency
14 may disclose this information to persons or entities that are
15 participating or applying to participate in those programs;

16 (b) Persons who acquire and use transit passes and other fare
17 payment media including, but not limited to, stored value smart cards
18 and magnetic strip cards, except that the agency may disclose this
19 information to a person, employer, educational institution, or other

1 entity that is responsible, in whole or in part, for payment of the
2 cost of acquiring or using a transit pass or other fare payment media;

3 (c) Current or former participants or applicants in a paratransit
4 or other transit service operated for the benefit of persons with
5 disabilities or elderly persons; and

6 (d) Persons who apply for or participate in other public
7 transportation programs administered by such public agencies.

8 (2) This section does not apply to published statistical
9 compilations and reports relating to public transportation programs
10 that do not provide information that identifies or could be used to
11 identify specific individuals.

12 (3) This section does not prohibit such public agencies from
13 disclosing at their discretion any information exempted under this
14 section. This section does not create a right of privacy in the
15 information exempted by this section, and no person, as a result of
16 this section, has a cause of action on account of the release of
17 information covered by this section.

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