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1 AN ACT Relating to extending the prohibition on taxes or fees 2 specific to internet service providers; and amending RCW 35.21.717.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.21.717 and 1997 c 304 s 2 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

6 Until July 1, ((1999)) <u>2002</u>, a city or town may not impose any new 7 taxes or fees specific to internet service providers. A city or town 8 may tax internet service providers under generally applicable business 9 taxes or fees, at a rate not to exceed the rate applied to a general 10 service classification. For the purposes of this section, "internet 11 service" has the same meaning as in RCW 82.04.297.

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