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1 AN ACT Relating to business address disclosure in telephone
2 directories; adding a new section to chapter 80.36 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that some businesses
6 located outside of Washington state advertise in local telephone
7 directories without disclosing the physical location of the business.
8 The legislature further finds that consumers can make more informed
9 decisions about the products and services they choose to purchase by
10 knowing the physical location of a business. It is the intent of the
11 legislature to require the disclosure of the physical address of any
12 business advertising in a telephone directory.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 80.36 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 The commission shall ensure that each business advertisement or
16 business listing published in a local telephone directory include the
17 conspicuous disclosure of the primary physical address of the business.
18 The disclosure of the primary business address includes the address,

1 street, and city or town where the business is physically located. In
2 the case of a business whose primary physical address is outside of
3 Washington state, the disclosure of the business address shall also
4 include a complete spelling of the state in which the business is
5 located.

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