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1 AN ACT Relating to false advertising through electronic 2 communication; and amending RCW 9.04.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.04.050 and 1961 c 189 s 1 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

б It shall be unlawful for any person to publish, disseminate or 7 display, or cause directly or indirectly, to be published, disseminated or displayed in any manner or by any means, including solicitation or 8 dissemination by mail, telephone, electronic communication, or door-to-9 10 door contacts, any false, deceptive or misleading advertising, with knowledge of the facts which render the advertising false, deceptive or 11 12 misleading, for any business, trade or commercial purpose or for the 13 purpose of inducing, or which is likely to induce, directly or 14 indirectly, the public to purchase, consume, lease, dispose of, utilize 15 or sell any property or service, or to enter into any obligation or 16 transaction relating thereto: PROVIDED, That nothing in this section 17 shall apply to any radio or television broadcasting station which broadcasts, or to any publisher, printer or distributor of any 18 19 newspaper, magazine, billboard or other advertising medium who

- 1 publishes, prints or distributes, such advertising in good faith
- 2 without knowledge of its false, deceptive or misleading character.

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