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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2419**

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**By** House State Government & Tribal Relations (originally sponsored by Representatives Taylor, Hill, Parshley, Berry, Scott, Reed, and Donaghy; by request of Office of Administrative Hearings)

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1 AN ACT Relating to participation in the address confidentiality  
2 program by administrative law judges and staff employed by the office  
3 of administrative hearings; and amending RCW 40.24.030.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 40.24.030 and 2024 c 292 s 2 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1)(a) An adult person, a parent or guardian acting on behalf of  
8 a minor, or a guardian acting on behalf of an individual subject to  
9 guardianship as defined in RCW 11.130.010, (b) any election official  
10 as described in RCW 9A.46.020 or 9A.90.120 who is a target for  
11 threats or harassment prohibited under RCW 9A.46.020 or  
12 9A.90.120(2)(b) (iii) or (iv), and any person residing with such  
13 person, (c) any criminal justice participant as defined in RCW  
14 9A.46.020 who is a target for threats or harassment prohibited under  
15 RCW 9A.46.020(2)(b) (iii) or (iv) and any criminal justice  
16 participant as defined in RCW 9A.90.120 who is a target for threats  
17 or harassment prohibited under RCW 9A.90.120(2)(b) (iii) or (iv), and  
18 any person residing with such person, (~~and~~) (d) any protected  
19 health care services provider, employee, or an affiliate of such  
20 provider, who provides, attempts to provide, assists in the  
21 provision, or attempts to assist in the provision of protected health

1 care services as defined in RCW 7.115.010, and any family members  
2 residing with such person, and (e) any person appointed to a position  
3 under RCW 34.12.030 who is a target for threats or harassment  
4 prohibited under RCW 9A.46.020 or 9A.90.120(1), and any person  
5 residing with such person, may apply to the secretary of state to  
6 have an address designated by the secretary of state serve as the  
7 person's address or the address of the minor or incapacitated person.  
8 The secretary of state shall approve an application if it is filed in  
9 the manner and on the form prescribed by the secretary of state and  
10 if it contains:

11 (i) A sworn statement, under penalty of perjury, by the applicant  
12 that the applicant has good reason to believe (A) that the applicant,  
13 or the minor or incapacitated person on whose behalf the application  
14 is made, is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault,  
15 trafficking, or stalking and that the applicant fears for the  
16 applicant's safety or the applicant's children's safety, or the  
17 safety of the minor or incapacitated person on whose behalf the  
18 application is made; (B) that the applicant, as an election official  
19 as described in RCW 9A.46.020 or 9A.90.120, is a target for threats  
20 or harassment prohibited under RCW 9A.46.020 or 9A.90.120(2)(b) (iii)  
21 or (iv); (C) that the applicant, as a criminal justice participant as  
22 defined in RCW 9A.46.020, is a target for threats or harassment  
23 prohibited under RCW 9A.46.020(2)(b) (iii) or (iv), or that the  
24 applicant, as a criminal justice participant as defined in RCW  
25 9A.90.120 is a target for threats or harassment prohibited under RCW  
26 9A.90.120(2)(b) (iii) or (iv); ~~((E))~~ (D) that the applicant, as a  
27 protected health care services provider, employee, or an affiliate of  
28 such provider, who provides, attempts to provide, assists in the  
29 provision, or attempts to assist in the provision of protected health  
30 care services as defined in RCW 7.115.010, is a target for threats or  
31 harassment prohibited under RCW 9A.90.120 or 9A.46.020; or (E) that  
32 the applicant, as a person appointed to any position under RCW  
33 34.12.010 or 34.12.030, is a target for threats or harassment  
34 prohibited under RCW 9A.46.020 or 9A.90.120(1);

35 (ii) If applicable, a sworn statement, under penalty of perjury,  
36 by the applicant, that the applicant has reason to believe they are a  
37 victim of (A) domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking  
38 perpetrated by an employee of a law enforcement agency, (B) threats  
39 or harassment prohibited under RCW 9A.90.120(2)(b) (iii) or (iv) or

1 9A.46.020(2)(b) (iii) or (iv), or (C) threats or harassment as  
2 described in (a)(i)(D) of this subsection;

3 (iii) A designation of the secretary of state as agent for  
4 purposes of service of process and for the purpose of receipt of  
5 mail;

6 (iv) The residential address and any telephone number where the  
7 applicant can be contacted by the secretary of state, which shall not  
8 be disclosed because disclosure will increase the risk of (A)  
9 domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, or stalking, (B)  
10 threats or harassment prohibited under RCW 9A.90.120(2)(b) (iii) or  
11 (iv) or 9A.46.020(2)(b) (iii) or (iv), or (C) threats or harassment  
12 as described in (a)(i)(D) of this subsection;

13 (v) The signature of the applicant and of any individual or  
14 representative of any office designated in writing under RCW  
15 40.24.080 who assisted in the preparation of the application, and the  
16 date on which the applicant signed the application.

17 (2) Applications shall be filed with the office of the secretary  
18 of state.

19 (3) Upon filing a properly completed application, the secretary  
20 of state shall certify the applicant as a program participant.  
21 Applicants shall be certified for four years following the date of  
22 filing unless the certification is withdrawn or invalidated before  
23 that date. The secretary of state shall by rule establish a renewal  
24 procedure.

25 (4)(a) During the application process, the secretary of state  
26 shall provide each applicant a form to direct the department of  
27 licensing to change the address of registration for vehicles or  
28 vessels solely or jointly registered to the applicant and the address  
29 associated with the applicant's driver's license or identicard to the  
30 applicant's address as designated by the secretary of state upon  
31 certification in the program. The directive to the department of  
32 licensing is only valid if signed by the applicant. The directive may  
33 only include information required by the department of licensing to  
34 verify the applicant's identity and ownership information for  
35 vehicles and vessels. This information is limited to the:

36 (i) Applicant's full legal name;

37 (ii) Applicant's Washington driver's license or identicard  
38 number;

39 (iii) Applicant's date of birth;

1 (iv) Vehicle identification number and license plate number for  
2 each vehicle solely or jointly registered to the applicant; and

3 (v) Hull identification number or vessel document number and  
4 vessel decal number for each vessel solely or jointly registered to  
5 the applicant.

6 (b) Upon certification of the applicants, the secretary of state  
7 shall transmit completed and signed directives to the department of  
8 licensing.

9 (c) Within 30 days of receiving a completed and signed directive,  
10 the department of licensing shall update the applicant's address on  
11 registration and licensing records.

12 (d) Applicants are not required to sign the directive to the  
13 department of licensing to be certified as a program participant.

14 (5) A person who knowingly provides false or incorrect  
15 information upon making an application or falsely attests in an  
16 application that disclosure of the applicant's address would endanger

17 (a) the applicant's safety or the safety of the applicant's children  
18 or the minor or incapacitated person on whose behalf the application  
19 is made, (b) the safety of any election official as described in RCW

20 9A.46.020 or 9A.90.120 who is a target for threats or harassment  
21 prohibited under RCW 9A.46.020 or 9A.90.120(2)(b) (iii) or (iv), (c)  
22 the safety of any criminal justice participant as defined in RCW

23 9A.46.020 who is a target for threats or harassment prohibited under  
24 RCW 9A.46.020(2)(b) (iii) or (iv) or of any criminal justice  
25 participant as defined in RCW 9A.90.120 who is a target for threats

26 or harassment prohibited under RCW 9A.90.120(2)(b) (iii) or (iv),  
27 ((~~e~~)) (d) the safety of any person as described in subsection  
28 (1)(a)(i)(D) of this section who is a target for threats or

29 harassment, or any family members residing with such person, or (e)  
30 the safety of any person appointed to a position under RCW 34.12.030  
31 who is a target for threats or harassment prohibited under RCW

32 9A.46.020 or 9A.90.120(1), shall be punished under RCW 40.16.030 or  
33 other applicable statutes.

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