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By Senator Owen

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1 AN ACT Relating to businesses that offer job lists to the public;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 19.31 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 19.31 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A business is not an employment agency when the business holds
7 itself out to the public as able to provide a list of jobs in a
8 particular industry, geographic area, government, or other distinct
9 area of employment but offers no other employment service or
10 assistance. A business that offers only job lists and advertises in a
11 newspaper, trade publication, billboard, radio, television, card,
12 printed notice, circular, contract, letterhead, or other media intended
13 for public distribution, shall disclose in its advertising that the
14 business is not an employment agency and does not offer employment

1 assistance, that the business charges an advanced fee for the list, and
2 that there is no guarantee that the jobs on the list are currently
3 available. The business may charge an advance fee for the job list if
4 and only if the business offers no other employment assistance or
5 related material.

6 (2) A business meeting the definition in subsection (1) of this
7 section may include information concerning the general qualifications
8 and prerequisites common to the jobs on its list without violating this
9 section.

10 (3) A business that provides job lists as defined in subsection (1)
11 of this section is a matter affecting the public interest for the
12 purpose of applying chapter 19.86 RCW. The practice of providing job
13 lists without the disclosures required by subsection (1) of this
14 section is not reasonable in relation to the development and
15 preservation of business. A violation of this section constitutes an
16 unfair or deceptive act or practice in trade or commerce for the
17 purpose of applying chapter 19.86 RCW.