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1 AN ACT Relating to the imposition of criminal penalties and
2 sanctions for the unauthorized sale of baby food, infant formula,
3 cosmetics, personal care products, nonprescription drugs, or medical
4 devices; adding a new chapter to Title 19 RCW; and prescribing
5 penalties.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The definitions in this section apply
8 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

9 (1)(a) "Unused property market" means any event:

10 (i) At which two or more persons offer personal property for sale
11 or exchange, at which a fee is charged for sale or exchange of personal
12 property, or at which a fee is charged to prospective buyers for
13 admission to the area at which personal property is offered or
14 displayed for sale or exchange; or

15 (ii) Regardless of the number of persons offering or displaying
16 personal property or the absence of fees, at which personal property is
17 offered or displayed for sale or exchange if the event is held more
18 than six times in any twelve-month period.

1 (b) "Unused property market" is interchangeable with and applicable
2 to swap meet, indoor swap meet, flea market, or other similar terms,
3 regardless of whether these events are held inside a building or
4 outside in the open. The primary characteristic is that these
5 activities involve a series of sales sufficient in number, scope, and
6 character to constitute a regular course of business.

7 (c) "Unused property market" does not include:

8 (i) An event that is organized for the exclusive benefit of any
9 community chest, fund, foundation, association, or corporation
10 organized and operated for religious, educational, or charitable
11 purposes, provided that no part of any admission fee or parking fee
12 charged vendors or prospective purchasers or the gross receipts or net
13 earnings from the sale or exchange of personal property, whether in the
14 form of a percentage of the receipts or earnings, as salary, or
15 otherwise, inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or person
16 participating in the organization or conduct of the event; or

17 (ii) An event at which all of the personal property offered for
18 sale or displayed is new, and all persons selling or exchanging
19 personal property, or offering or displaying personal property for sale
20 or exchange, are manufacturers or authorized representatives of
21 manufacturers or distributors.

22 (2) "Unused property merchant" means any person, other than a
23 vendor or merchant with an established retail store in the county, who
24 transports an inventory of goods to a building, vacant lot, or other
25 unused property market location and who, at that location, displays the
26 goods for sale and sells the goods at retail or offers the goods for
27 sale at retail, except a person who offers five or less items of the
28 same new and unused merchandise for sale or exchange at an unused
29 property market.

30 (3) "Baby food" or "infant formula" means any food manufactured,
31 packaged, and labeled specifically for sale for consumption by a child
32 under the age of two years.

33 (4) "Nonprescription drug" or "over-the-counter drug" means any
34 nonnarcotic medicine or drug that may be sold without a prescription
35 and is prepackaged for use by the consumer, prepared by the
36 manufacturer or producer for use by the consumer, and should be
37 properly labeled and unadulterated in accordance with the requirements
38 of the state food and drug laws and the federal food, drug, and

1 cosmetic act. "Nonprescription drug" does not include herbal products,
2 dietary supplements, botanical extracts, or vitamins.

3 (5) "Medical device" means any instrument, apparatus, implement,
4 machine, contrivance, implant, in vitro reagent, tool, or other similar
5 or related article, including any component part or accessory, which is
6 required under federal law to bear the label "caution: federal law
7 requires dispensing by or on the order of a physician"; or which is
8 defined by federal law as a medical device and is intended for use in
9 the diagnosis of disease or other conditions or in the cure,
10 mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in man or animals or is
11 intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of man or
12 animals, which does not achieve any of its principal intended purposes
13 through chemical action within or on the body of man or animals and
14 which is not dependent upon being metabolized for achievement of any of
15 its principal intended purposes.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** No unused property merchant shall offer at
17 an unused property market for sale or knowingly permit the sale of baby
18 food, infant formula, cosmetics, personal care products,
19 nonprescription drugs, or medical devices. This section does not apply
20 to a person who keeps available for public inspection a written
21 authorization identifying that person as an authorized representative
22 of the manufacturer or distributor of such product, as long as the
23 authorization is not false, fraudulent, or fraudulently obtained.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This chapter does not apply to:

25 (1) Business conducted in any industry or association trade show;
26 or

27 (2) Anyone who sells by sample, catalog, or brochure for future
28 delivery.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) A first violation of this chapter is a
30 misdemeanor.

31 (2) A second violation of this chapter within five years is a gross
32 misdemeanor.

33 (3) A third or subsequent violation of this chapter within five
34 years is a class C felony.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act constitute
2 a new chapter in Title 19 RCW.

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