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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2057**

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**State of Washington                      60th Legislature                      2007 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness  
(originally sponsored by Representatives Lovick, O'Brien, Kelley,  
Green, Simpson, Conway and Hurst)

READ FIRST TIME 02/26/07.

1            AN ACT Relating to identity theft; creating new sections; and  
2 providing an expiration date.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** Identity theft and identity fraud have  
5 become the fastest growing crimes in Washington. Figures from the  
6 federal trade commission show that the state of Washington ranks  
7 seventh nationally in the number of reported identity theft victims by  
8 state.

9            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** (1) A work group on identity theft is  
10 established. The work group shall consist of the following members:

11            (a) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate,  
12 appointed by the president of the senate;

13            (b) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house  
14 of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
15 representatives;

16            (c) The chief of the Washington state patrol or the chief's  
17 designee;

1 (d) The insurance commissioner of the office of the insurance  
2 commissioner or the insurance commissioner's designee;

3 (e) An elected sheriff or police chief, a sergeant, and a detective  
4 selected by the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs;

5 (f) The state attorney general or the attorney general's designee;

6 (g) A representative from the banking industry;

7 (h) A representative of the Washington association of prosecuting  
8 attorneys;

9 (i) A representative of the Washington association of criminal  
10 defense lawyers; and

11 (j) A representative from a consumer reporting agency.

12 (2) The work group, where feasible, may consult with:

13 (a) Federal postal inspectors;

14 (b) Agents representing the federal bureau of investigation;

15 (c) Attorneys representing the United States office of the attorney  
16 general; and

17 (d) Individuals from the public and private sector.

18 (3) The work group shall meet quarterly at a date and place of its  
19 choice, and at such other times as shall be designated by the chief of  
20 the Washington state patrol or the chief's designee, to review and make  
21 recommendations to the legislature and the governor regarding identity  
22 theft crimes and policies in Washington state. In preparing the  
23 recommendations, the committee shall, at a minimum, review the  
24 following issues:

25 (a) Developing approaches to reducing identity theft crimes in  
26 Washington;

27 (b) How to share resources in the investigation of identity theft  
28 crimes;

29 (c) Reviewing state and federal laws and penalties related to bank,  
30 mail, and wire fraud, immigration and passport fraud, technology and  
31 computer crimes, and various other identity theft-related offenses;

32 (d) Reviewing how various local, state, and federal agencies that  
33 handle identity theft-related crimes communicate, and how to improve  
34 the utilization and sharing of services between agencies; and

35 (e) Considering whether the creation of county or multiple county  
36 identity theft task forces made up of local, state, and federal  
37 agencies would be feasible and helpful in deterring identity theft

1 crimes.

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act expires January 31, 2008.

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