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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 check  
10 processes is established. The work group shall consist of the  
11 following members:

12            (a) The chief of the Washington state patrol or the chief's  
13 designee;

14            (b) The insurance commissioner of the office of the insurance  
15 commissioner or the insurance commissioner's designee;

16            (c) An elected sheriff or police chief, a sergeant, and a detective  
17 selected by the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs;

18            (d) The state attorney general or the attorney general's designee;

- 1 (e) A representative from the banking industry;
- 2 (f) A representative of the Washington association of prosecuting  
3 attorneys;
- 4 (g) A representative of the Washington association of criminal  
5 defense lawyers; and
- 6 (h) A representative from a consumer reporting agency.
- 7 (2) The work group, where feasible, may consult with:
- 8 (a) Federal postal inspectors;
- 9 (b) Agents representing the federal bureau of investigation;
- 10 (c) Attorneys representing the United States office of the attorney  
11 general; and
- 12 (d) Individuals from the public and private sector.
- 13 (3) The work group shall meet quarterly at a date and place of its  
14 choice, and at such other times as shall be designated by the chief of  
15 the Washington state patrol or the chief's designee, to review and make  
16 recommendations to the legislature and the governor regarding identity  
17 theft crimes and policies in Washington state. In preparing the  
18 recommendations, the committee shall, at a minimum, review the  
19 following issues:
- 20 (a) Developing approaches to reducing identity theft crimes in  
21 Washington;
- 22 (b) How to share resources in the investigation of identity theft  
23 crimes;
- 24 (c) Reviewing state and federal laws and penalties related to bank,  
25 mail, and wire fraud, immigration and passport fraud, technology and  
26 computer crimes, and various other identity theft-related offenses;
- 27 (d) Reviewing how various local, state, and federal agencies that  
28 handle identity theft-related crimes communicate, and how to improve  
29 the utilization and sharing of services between agencies; and
- 30 (e) Considering whether the creation of county or multiple county  
31 identity theft task forces made up of local, state, and federal  
32 agencies would be feasible and helpful in deterring identity theft  
33 crimes.

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

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