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1 AN ACT Relating to public assistance application forms; and
2 amending RCW 74.08.055.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08.055 and 2009 c 201 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Each applicant for or recipient of public assistance shall
7 complete and sign a physical application or, if available, electronic
8 application for assistance which shall contain or be verified by a
9 written declaration that it is signed under the penalties of perjury.
10 The department may make electronic applications available. The
11 application must include a question asking whether the applicant has
12 been denied assistance, disenrolled, or terminated from any public
13 assistance program within five years prior to the date of the
14 application. The application must include space for the applicant to
15 explain the particular circumstances of any denial, disenrollment, or
16 termination. The secretary, by rule and regulation, may require that
17 any other forms filled out by applicants or recipients of public
18 assistance shall contain or be verified by a written declaration that
19 it is made under the penalties of perjury and such declaration shall be

1 in lieu of any oath otherwise required, and each applicant shall be so
2 informed at the time of the signing. The application and signature
3 verification shall be in accordance with federal requirements for that
4 program.

5 (2) Any applicant for or recipient of public assistance who
6 willfully makes and signs any application, statement, other paper, or
7 electronic record which contains or is verified by a written
8 declaration that it is made under the penalties of perjury and which he
9 or she does not believe to be true and correct as to every material
10 matter is guilty of a class B felony punishable according to chapter
11 9A.20 RCW.

12 (3) As used in this section:

13 (a) "Electronic record" means a record generated, communicated,
14 received, or stored by electronic means for use in an information
15 system or for transmission from one information system to another.

16 (b) "Electronic signature" means a signature in electronic form
17 attached to or logically associated with an electronic record
18 including, but not limited to, a digital signature. An electronic
19 signature is a paperless way to sign a document using an electronic
20 sound, symbol, or process, attached to or logically associated with a
21 record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the
22 record.

23 (c) "Sign" includes signing by physical signature, if available, or
24 electronic signature. An application must contain a signature in
25 either physical or, if available, electronic form.

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