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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring contractor registration numbers on
2 vehicles; and reenacting and amending RCW 18.27.100.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.27.100 and 2011 c 336 s 475 and 2011 c 171 s 4 are
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in RCW 18.27.065 for partnerships and joint
7 ventures, no person who has registered under one name as provided in
8 this chapter shall engage in the business, or act in the capacity, of
9 a contractor under any other name unless such name also is registered
10 under this chapter.

11 (2) All advertising and all contracts, correspondence, cards,
12 signs, posters, papers, and documents which show a contractor's name or
13 address shall show the contractor's name or address as registered under
14 this chapter.

15 (3)(a) All advertising that shows the contractor's name or address
16 shall show the contractor's current registration number. The
17 registration number may be omitted in an alphabetized listing of
18 registered contractors stating only the name, address, and telephone
19 number(~~(:~~ ~~PROVIDED, That signs on motor vehicles subject to RCW~~

1 ~~46.16A.030 and~~)). On-premise signs shall not constitute advertising as
2 provided in this section. All materials used to directly solicit
3 business from retail customers who are not businesses shall show the
4 contractor's current registration number. A contractor shall not use
5 a false or expired registration number in purchasing or offering to
6 purchase an advertisement for which a contractor registration number is
7 required. Advertising by airwave transmission shall not be subject to
8 this subsection (3)(a).

9 (b) The director may issue a subpoena to any person or entity
10 selling any advertising subject to this section for the name, address,
11 and telephone number provided to the seller of the advertising by the
12 purchaser of the advertising. The subpoena must have enclosed a
13 stamped, self-addressed envelope and blank form to be filled out by the
14 seller of the advertising. If the seller of the advertising has the
15 information on file, the seller shall, within a reasonable time, return
16 the completed form to the department. The subpoena must be issued no
17 more than two days after the expiration of the issue or publication
18 containing the advertising or after the broadcast of the advertising.
19 The good-faith compliance by a seller of advertising with a written
20 request of the department for information concerning the purchaser of
21 advertising shall constitute a complete defense to any civil or
22 criminal action brought against the seller of advertising arising from
23 such compliance. Advertising by airwave or electronic transmission is
24 subject to this subsection (3)(b).

25 (4) No contractor shall advertise that he or she is bonded and
26 insured because of the bond required to be filed and sufficiency of
27 insurance as provided in this chapter.

28 (5) A contractor shall not falsify a registration number and use
29 it, or use an expired registration number, in connection with any
30 solicitation or identification as a contractor. All individual
31 contractors and all partners, associates, agents, salespersons,
32 solicitors, officers, and employees of contractors shall use their true
33 names and addresses at all times while engaged in the business or
34 capacity of a contractor or activities related thereto.

35 (6) Any advertising by a person, firm, or corporation soliciting
36 work as a contractor when that person, firm, or corporation is not
37 registered pursuant to this chapter is a violation of this chapter.

1 (7) An applicant or registrant who falsifies information on an
2 application for registration commits a violation under this section.

3 (8)(a) The finding of a violation of this section by the director
4 at a hearing held in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act,
5 chapter 34.05 RCW, shall subject the person committing the violation to
6 a penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars as determined by the
7 director.

8 (b) Penalties under this section shall not apply to a violation
9 determined to be an inadvertent error.

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