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SENATE BILL 5467

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By Senators King, Eide, Litzow, and Harper

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to conforming vehicle owner list furnishment 2 requirements with federal law; and amending RCW 46.12.630.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.12.630 and 2012 c 86 s 803 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
 - In addition to any other authority which it may have, the department of licensing may furnish lists of registered and legal owners of motor vehicles only for the purposes specified in this section to:
- 10 (1) The manufacturers of motor vehicles, or their authorized 11 agents, to be used:
- 12 (a) To enable those manufacturers to carry out the provisions of 13 the national traffic and motor vehicle safety act of 1966 (15 U.S.C. 14 Sec. 1382-1418), including amendments or additions thereto, respecting
- 15 safety-related defects in motor vehicles; or

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- 16 (b) ((During the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium,)) In connection with
- 17 <u>matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and theft, motor vehicle</u>
- 18 <u>emissions</u>, motor vehicle product alterations, recalls, or advisories,
- 19 performance monitoring of motor vehicles and dealers by motor vehicle

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manufacturers, and removal of nonowner records from the original owner records of motor vehicle manufacturers to carry out the purposes of the anti car theft act of 1992, the automobile information disclosure act (15 U.S.C. Sec. 1231 et seq.), the clean air act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 7401 et seq.), and 49 U.S.C. Secs. 301, 305, and 321-331;

- (2) Manufacturers of motor vehicles, colleges or universities, government agencies, or legitimate businesses or their agents, employees, or contractors for use in research activities, and in producing statistical reports, as long as the personal information is not published, redisclosed, or used to contact individuals;
- ((\(\frac{(2)}{2}\))) (3) A legitimate business or its agents, employees, or contractors for use in the normal course of business to: (a) Verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by the individual to the business or its agents, employees, or contractors; and (b) if such information as submitted is not correct or is no longer correct, obtain the correct information, but only for the purposes of preventing fraud by pursuing legal remedies against, or recovering on a debt or security interest against, the individual;
- (4) Any insurer or insurance support organization, a self-insured entity, or its agents, employees, or contractors for use in connection with claims investigation activities, antifraud activities, rating, or underwriting;
- (5) Local governmental entities and their agents for use in providing notice to owners of towed and impounded vehicles;
- (6) Any governmental agency of the United States or Canada, or political subdivisions thereof, to be used by it or by its authorized commercial agents or contractors only in connection with the enforcement of motor vehicle or traffic laws by, or programs related to traffic safety of, that government agency. Only such parts of the list as are required for completion of the work required of the agent or contractor shall be provided to such agent or contractor;
- (((3))) (7) A commercial parking company requiring the names and addresses of registered owners to notify them of outstanding parking violations. Subject to the disclosure agreement provisions of RCW 46.12.635 and the requirements of Executive Order 97-01, the department may provide only the parts of the list that are required for completion of the work required of the company;

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((+4))) (8) An authorized agent or contractor of the department, to be used only in connection with providing motor vehicle excise tax, licensing, title, and registration information to motor vehicle dealers;

((+5)) (9) Any business regularly making loans to other persons to finance the purchase of motor vehicles, to be used to assist the person requesting the list to determine ownership of specific vehicles for the purpose of determining whether or not to provide such financing; or

((6))) (10) A company or its agents operating a toll facility under chapter 47.46 RCW or other applicable authority requiring the names, addresses, and vehicle information of motor vehicle registered owners to identify toll violators.

Where both a mailing address and residence address are recorded on the vehicle record and are different, only the mailing address will be disclosed. Both addresses will be disclosed in response to requests for disclosure from courts, law enforcement agencies, or government entities with enforcement, investigative, or taxing authority and only for use in the normal course of conducting their business.

If a list of registered and legal owners of motor vehicles is used for any purpose other than that authorized in this section, the manufacturer, governmental agency, commercial parking company, authorized agent, contractor, financial institution, toll facility operator, or their authorized agents or contractors responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or use will be denied further access to such information by the department of licensing.

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