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By Representatives Hurst and Frame

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1 AN ACT Relating to clarifying that internet security, cloud, and  
2 other related internet companies are not in violation when selling  
3 internet-related equipment and services to gaming companies not  
4 operating in Washington state; and amending RCW 9.46.240.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.240 and 2006 c 290 s 2 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 (1) The legislature recognizes that Washington state is home to  
9 many internet security, cloud, and other internet-related businesses.  
10 In the course of their business, these companies transmit and  
11 receive data from customers throughout the world. This data may be  
12 processed through networks, equipment, and data centers located in or  
13 managed from locations in Washington state. The legislature  
14 recognizes that these internet companies have millions of customers  
15 that may include casinos or online gaming companies in other  
16 countries, or in states that allow various forms of gaming. It is the  
17 intent of this section to clarify that these internet companies are  
18 not in violation of subsection (2) of this section if they are  
19 providing their internet-related software and services to gaming  
20 customers operating outside of Washington state.

1       (2) Whoever knowingly transmits or receives gambling information  
2 by telephone, telegraph, radio, semaphore, the internet, a  
3 telecommunications transmission system, or similar means, or  
4 knowingly installs or maintains equipment for the transmission or  
5 receipt of gambling information shall be guilty of a class C felony  
6 subject to the penalty set forth in RCW 9A.20.021. However, this  
7 section shall not apply to such information transmitted or received  
8 or equipment installed or maintained relating to activities  
9 authorized by this chapter or to any act or acts in furtherance  
10 thereof when conducted in compliance with the provisions of this  
11 chapter and in accordance with the rules adopted under this chapter.

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