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1 AN ACT Relating to providing a referral resource for those
2 seeking information and assistance for immigration and citizenship
3 related matters; reenacting and amending RCW 42.56.230; adding a new
4 section to chapter 49.60 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that executive
7 orders issued in January of 2017 by the federal administration
8 addressing the citizenship and immigration status of persons living
9 and working in this country directly impact many Washington residents
10 and their family members, as well as Washington educational
11 institutions and businesses. The legislature finds that these
12 executive orders create uncertainty, fear, and confusion regarding
13 employment, education, residency, and the personal safety of those
14 individuals. The legislature further finds that our businesses and
15 educational institutions benefit significantly from contributions of
16 noncitizens, and that our communities are immeasurably enriched
17 through diversity and cultural awareness. Finally, the legislature
18 finds that it is in the best interest of our communities and
19 businesses and educational institutions to create a safe and secure
20 resource for persons seeking assistance in determining their own
21 legal rights as noncitizens, or the legal rights of their family

1 members, employees, or students, by providing a single point of
2 contact for obtaining referral information related to immigration and
3 citizenship issues.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 49.60
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 The commission, in consultation with relevant state agencies, and
7 individuals or groups having experience and knowledge of immigration
8 law and the provision of immigration and citizenship related
9 assistance, including those with experience providing culturally
10 appropriate services to populations that have traditionally been
11 underserved or unserved, shall establish a toll-free telephone
12 hotline and a web site with the capacity to refer callers and users
13 to sources of information and assistance for immigration and
14 citizenship related matters.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 42.56.230 and 2015 c 224 s 2 and 2015 c 47 s 1 are
16 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

17 The following personal information is exempt from public
18 inspection and copying under this chapter:

19 (1) Personal information in any files maintained for students in
20 public schools, patients or clients of public institutions or public
21 health agencies, or welfare recipients;

22 (2)(a) Personal information:

23 (i) For a child enrolled in licensed child care in any files
24 maintained by the department of early learning;

25 (ii) For a child enrolled in a public or nonprofit program
26 serving or pertaining to children, adolescents, or students,
27 including but not limited to early learning or child care services,
28 parks and recreation programs, youth development programs, and after-
29 school programs; or

30 (iii) For the family members or guardians of a child who is
31 subject to the exemption under this subsection (2) if the family
32 member or guardian has the same last name (~~(~~as~~)~~) as the child or
33 if the family member or guardian resides at the same address (~~(~~as~~)~~) as
34 the child and disclosure of the family member's or
35 guardian's information would result in disclosure of the personal
36 information exempted under (a)(i) and (ii) of this subsection.

1 (b) Emergency contact information under this subsection (2) may
2 be provided to appropriate authorities and medical personnel for the
3 purpose of treating the individual during an emergency situation;

4 (3) Personal information in files maintained for employees,
5 appointees, or elected officials of any public agency to the extent
6 that disclosure would violate their right to privacy;

7 (4) Information required of any taxpayer in connection with the
8 assessment or collection of any tax if the disclosure of the
9 information to other persons would: (a) Be prohibited to such persons
10 by RCW 84.08.210, 82.32.330, 84.40.020, 84.40.340, or any ordinance
11 authorized under RCW 35.102.145; or (b) violate the taxpayer's right
12 to privacy or result in unfair competitive disadvantage to the
13 taxpayer;

14 (5) Credit card numbers, debit card numbers, electronic check
15 numbers, card expiration dates, or bank or other financial
16 information as defined in RCW 9.35.005 including social security
17 numbers, except when disclosure is expressly required by or governed
18 by other law;

19 (6) Personal and financial information related to a small loan or
20 any system of authorizing a small loan in RCW 31.45.093;

21 (7)(a) Any record used to prove identity, age, residential
22 address, social security number, or other personal information
23 required to apply for a driver's license or identicard.

24 (b) Information provided under RCW 46.20.111 that indicates that
25 an applicant declined to register with the selective service system.

26 (c) Any record pertaining to a vehicle license plate, driver's
27 license, or identicard issued under RCW 46.08.066 that, alone or in
28 combination with any other records, may reveal the identity of an
29 individual, or reveal that an individual is or was, performing an
30 undercover or covert law enforcement, confidential public health
31 work, public assistance fraud, or child support investigative
32 activity. This exemption does not prevent the release of the total
33 number of vehicle license plates, drivers' licenses, or identicards
34 that, under RCW 46.08.066, an agency or department has applied for,
35 been issued, denied, returned, destroyed, lost, and reported for
36 misuse.

37 (d) Any record pertaining to a vessel registration issued under
38 RCW 88.02.330 that, alone or in combination with any other records,
39 may reveal the identity of an individual, or reveal that an
40 individual is or was, performing an undercover or covert law

1 enforcement activity. This exemption does not prevent the release of
2 the total number of vessel registrations that, under RCW 88.02.330,
3 an agency or department has applied for, been issued, denied,
4 returned, destroyed, lost, and reported for misuse; (~~and~~)

5 (8) All information related to individual claims resolution
6 structured settlement agreements submitted to the board of industrial
7 insurance appeals under RCW 51.04.063, other than final orders from
8 the board of industrial insurance appeals.

9 Upon request by the legislature, the department of licensing
10 shall provide a report to the legislature containing all of the
11 information in subsection (7)(c) and (d) of this section that is
12 subject to public disclosure(~~(-)~~);

13 (9) Voluntarily submitted information contained in a database
14 that is part of or associated with enhanced 911 emergency
15 communications systems, or information contained or used in emergency
16 notification systems as provided under RCW 38.52.575 and 38.52.577;
17 and

18 (10) All information revealing the identity of any person or
19 entity requesting immigration and citizenship related information or
20 assistance via the hotline or web site established under section 2 of
21 this act. Identifying information includes the person's or entity's
22 name, address, phone number, or other contact information, location,
23 national origin or religion, and immigration or citizenship status.

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