
SENATE BILL 5144

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By Senator Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to the sale or purchase of a credit card number by
2 a person other than the cardholder; and adding a new section to chapter
3 62A.3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 62A.3 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) No person, company, partnership, or corporation may mail,
8 distribute, sell, or purchase or attempt to mail, distribute, sell, or
9 purchase a credit card, charge plate, or a like instrument or
10 information contained on it, including, but not limited to, the credit
11 card number to any other person, firm, or corporation unless the
12 cardholder has expressly authorized, in writing, the mailing,
13 distribution, sale, or purchase.

14 (2) This section does not apply to the renewal of a credit card,
15 charge plate, or like instrument or device unless the recipient has
16 previously indicated in writing the intention that the renewal not be
17 effected, nor does this section apply to the replacement of any such
18 instrument or device by the issuer during the period the instrument or
19 device is in effect.

1 (3) The legislature finds the practices covered by this section are
2 matters vitally affecting the public interest for the purpose of
3 applying the Consumer Protection Act, chapter 19.86 RCW. Violations of
4 this section are not reasonable in relation to the development and
5 preservation of business. A violation of this section is an unfair or
6 deceptive act in trade or commerce and an unfair method of competition
7 for the purpose of applying the Consumer Protection Act, chapter 19.86
8 RCW.

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