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1 AN ACT Relating to notice of rule changes; and adding a new section  
2 to chapter 34.05 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 Within two hundred days of the effective date of a rule that  
7 imposes additional requirements on businesses the violation of which  
8 subjects a person to a penalty, assessment, or administrative sanction,  
9 an agency shall make a good faith effort to notify businesses affected  
10 by the rule of the requirements of the rule and how to obtain technical  
11 assistance to comply. For purposes of this section, "good faith"  
12 means: (1) The agency at least notifies businesses in the standard  
13 industrial classifications or their successor identified in the rule-  
14 making file as businesses affected by the rule that are registered with  
15 the department of revenue; or (2) for rules imposing additional  
16 requirements only on persons or firms licensed, registered, or  
17 operating under a permit, the agency notifies those persons or firms  
18 holding the license, registration, or permit. The notification shall  
19 announce the rule change, briefly summarize the rule change, and

1 include a contact for more information. Notification may be by  
2 individual notice, agency bulletins or newsletters, or any other means  
3 that will reasonably inform affected businesses. Failure to notify a  
4 specific business under this section does not invalidate a rule or  
5 waive the requirement to comply with the rule.

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