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Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to required gratuities; and adding a new section to
2 chapter 19.86 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 19.86 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 It is unlawful for a "seller," as defined in RCW 82.08.010, to
7 label an amount as a "tip" or "gratuity" when that amount is not a
8 genuine voluntary payment by a buyer in connection with a retail sale.
9 For the purposes of this section, a payment of an amount by a buyer is
10 voluntary if the product or service that is the subject of the
11 transaction is made available by the seller to the buyer at the same
12 price with or without the payment of the amount labeled "tip" or
13 "gratuity." A written computation of a suggested or customary tip or
14 gratuity supplied by the seller as a convenience to the buyer does not
15 by itself convert an otherwise voluntary payment by the buyer to a
16 required payment. A violation of this section is an unfair or
17 deceptive act in trade or commerce and is a violation of this chapter.

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