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1 AN ACT Relating to international matchmaking organizations; and
2 amending RCW 19.220.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.220.010 and 2002 c 115 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Each international matchmaking organization doing business in
7 Washington state shall disseminate to a recruit, upon request, state
8 background check information and (~~marital~~) personal history
9 information relating to any Washington state resident about whom any
10 information is provided to the recruit, in the recruit's native
11 language. The organization shall notify all recruits that background
12 check and (~~marital~~) personal history information is available upon
13 request. The notice that background check and (~~marital~~) personal
14 history information is available upon request shall be in the recruit's
15 native language and shall be displayed in a manner that separates it
16 from other information, is highly noticeable, and in lettering not less
17 than one-quarter of an inch high.

18 (2) If an international matchmaking organization receives a request
19 for information from a recruit pursuant to subsection (1) of this

1 section, the organization shall notify the Washington state resident of
2 the request. Upon receiving notification, the Washington state
3 resident shall obtain from the state patrol and provide to the
4 organization the complete transcript of any background check
5 information provided pursuant to RCW 43.43.760 based on a submission of
6 fingerprint impressions and provided pursuant to RCW 43.43.838 and
7 shall provide to the organization his or her (~~marital~~) personal
8 history information. The organization shall require the resident to
9 affirm that (~~marital~~) personal history information is complete and
10 accurate(~~(, and includes any information regarding marriages,~~
11 ~~annulments, and dissolutions which occurred in other states or~~
12 ~~countries)~~). The organization shall refrain from knowingly providing
13 any further services to the recruit or the Washington state resident in
14 regards to facilitating future interaction between the recruit and the
15 Washington state resident until the organization has obtained the
16 requested information and provided it to the recruit.

17 (3) This section does not apply to a traditional matchmaking
18 organization of a religious nature that otherwise operates in
19 compliance with the laws of the countries of the recruits of such
20 organization and the laws of the United States nor to any organization
21 that does not charge a fee to any party for the service provided.

22 (4) As used in this section:

23 (a) "International matchmaking organization" means a corporation,
24 partnership, business, or other legal entity, whether or not organized
25 under the laws of the United States or any state, that does business in
26 the United States and for profit offers to Washington state residents,
27 including aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence and residing
28 in Washington state, dating, matrimonial, or social referral services
29 involving citizens of a foreign country or countries who are not
30 residing in the United States, by: (i) An exchange of names, telephone
31 numbers, addresses, or statistics; (ii) selection of photographs; or
32 (iii) a social environment provided by the organization in a country
33 other than the United States.

34 (b) "~~(Marital)~~ Personal history information" means a declaration
35 of the person's current marital status, the number of (~~times~~)
36 previous marriages, annulments, and dissolutions for the person (~~has~~
37 ~~previously been married~~), and whether any previous marriages occurred
38 as a result of receiving services from an international matchmaking

1 organization; founded allegations of child abuse or neglect; and any
2 existing no contact or antiharrassment protection orders. Personal
3 history information shall include information from the state of
4 Washington and any information from other states or countries.

5 (c) "Recruit" means a noncitizen, nonresident person, recruited by
6 an international matchmaking organization for the purpose of providing
7 dating, matrimonial, or social referral services.

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