## HOUSE BILL 1500

State of Washington61st Legislature2009 Regular SessionBy Representatives Eddy, Hasegawa, McCune, Crouse, Nelson, and UpthegroveRead first time 01/22/09.Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 AN ACT Relating to recording devices in motor vehicles; amending 2 RCW 46.63.020; adding a new section to chapter 48.30 RCW; adding a new 3 chapter to Title 46 RCW; prescribing penalties; and providing an 4 effective date.

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

6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. The definitions in this section apply 7 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Recording device" means an electronic system, and the physical 8 9 device or mechanism containing the electronic system, that primarily, or incidental to its primary function, preserves or records, in 10 electronic form, data collected by sensors or provided by other systems 11 within a motor vehicle. "Recording device" includes event data 12 recorders, sensing and diagnostic modules, electronic control modules, 13 14 automatic crash notification systems, geographic information systems, 15 and any other device that records and preserves data that can be accessed related to that motor vehicle. 16

17 (2) "Owner" means:

18 (a) A person having all the incidents of ownership, including legal

1 title, of a motor vehicle, whether or not the person lends, rents, or 2 creates a security interest in the motor vehicle;

3 (b) A person entitled to the possession of a motor vehicle as the4 purchaser under a security agreement;

5 (c) A person entitled to possession of a motor vehicle as a lessee 6 pursuant to a written lease agreement for a period of more than three 7 months; or

8 (d) If a third party requests access to a recording device to 9 investigate a collision, the owner of the motor vehicle at the time the 10 collision occurred.

11 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. (1) A manufacturer of a motor vehicle sold 12 or leased in this state, that is equipped with one or more recording 13 devices, shall in bold face type disclose in the owner's manual that 14 the motor vehicle is equipped with one or more recording devices and, 15 if so, the type of data recorded and whether the recording device or 16 devices have the ability to transmit information to a central 17 communications system or other external device.

18 (2) If a recording device is used as part of a subscription 19 service, the subscription service agreement must disclose the type of 20 information that the device may record or transmit.

(3) A disclosure made by means of an insert into the owner's manualis deemed a disclosure in the owner's manual.

(4) If a recording device is to be installed in a vehicle aftermarket, the manufacturer of the device shall in bold face type disclose in the product manual the type of information that the device may record and whether the recording device has the ability to transmit information to a central communications system or other external device.

(5) A disclosure made by means of an insert into the product manualis deemed a disclosure in the product manual.

31 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. (1) Information recorded or transmitted by 32 a recording device may not be retrieved, downloaded, scanned, read, or 33 otherwise accessed by a person other than the owner of the motor 34 vehicle in which the recording device is installed except:

35 (a) Upon a court order;

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(b) With the consent of the owner, given for a specific instance of
 access, for any purpose, including diagnosing, servicing, or repairing
 the motor vehicle;

4 (c) For improving motor vehicle safety, including medical research 5 on the human body's reaction to motor vehicle collisions, if the 6 identity of the motor vehicle or the owner or driver of the motor 7 vehicle is not disclosed in connection with the retrieved information;

8 (d) For determining the need for or facilitating emergency medical 9 response if a motor vehicle collision occurs, provided that the 10 information retrieved is used solely for medical purposes; or

11 (e) For subscription services pursuant to an agreement in which 12 disclosure required under section 2 of this act has been made, provided 13 that the information retrieved is used solely for the purposes of 14 fulfilling the subscription service and is not disclosed to a third 15 party.

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(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(c) of this section:

17 (a) The disclosure of a motor vehicle's vehicle identification 18 number with the last six digits deleted or redacted is not a disclosure 19 of the identity of the owner or driver; and

20 (b) Retrieved information may only be disclosed to a data 21 processor.

22 (3) Any person who violates this section is guilty of a 23 misdemeanor.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The legislature finds that the practices covered by this chapter are matters vitally affecting the public interest for the purpose of applying chapter 19.86 RCW. A violation of this chapter is not reasonable in relation to the development and preservation of business and is an unfair or deceptive act in trade or commerce and an unfair method of competition for the purpose of applying chapter 19.86 RCW.

31 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 48.30 RCW 32 to read as follows:

(1) An insurer shall not refuse to renew a motor vehicle insurance policy solely because a motor vehicle owner, as defined in section 1 of this act, refuses to provide access to recorded data from a recording device, as defined in section 1 of this act.

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(2) An insurer or agent shall not: Reduce coverage; increase the 1 2 insured's premium; apply a surcharge; refuse to apply a discount other 3 than a discount that is based on data recorded by a recording device as 4 defined in section 1 of this act; or when there are multiple insurers available, fail to place the motor vehicle owner with the most 5 б favorably priced insurer, solely because a motor vehicle owner refuses 7 to allow an insurer access to data from a recording device as defined 8 in section 1 of this act.

9 Sec. 6. RCW 46.63.020 and 2008 c 282 s 11 are each amended to read 10 as follows:

11 Failure to perform any act required or the performance of any act 12 prohibited by this title or an equivalent administrative regulation or 13 local law, ordinance, regulation, or resolution relating to traffic 14 including parking, standing, stopping, and pedestrian offenses, is designated as a traffic infraction and may not be classified as a 15 16 criminal offense, except for an offense contained in the following 17 provisions of this title or a violation of an equivalent administrative 18 regulation or local law, ordinance, regulation, or resolution:

(1) RCW 46.09.120(2) relating to the operation of a nonhighway vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance;

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(2) RCW 46.09.130 relating to operation of nonhighway vehicles;

(3) RCW 46.10.090(2) relating to the operation of a snowmobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or habitforming drugs or in a manner endangering the person of another;

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(4) RCW 46.10.130 relating to the operation of snowmobiles;

(5) Chapter 46.12 RCW relating to certificates of ownership and
 registration and markings indicating that a vehicle has been destroyed
 or declared a total loss;

30 (6) RCW 46.16.010 relating to the nonpayment of taxes and fees by 31 failure to register a vehicle and falsifying residency when registering 32 a motor vehicle;

33 (7) RCW 46.16.011 relating to permitting unauthorized persons to 34 drive;

35 (8) RCW 46.16.160 relating to vehicle trip permits;

36 (9) RCW 46.16.381(2) relating to knowingly providing false

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information in conjunction with an application for a special placard or 1 2 license plate for disabled persons' parking; 3 (10) RCW 46.20.005 relating to driving without a valid driver's 4 license; (11) RCW 46.20.091 relating to false statements regarding a 5 6 driver's license or instruction permit; 7 (12) RCW 46.20.0921 relating to the unlawful possession and use of 8 a driver's license; (13) RCW 46.20.342 relating to driving with a suspended or revoked 9 10 license or status; 11 (14) RCW 46.20.345 relating to the operation of a motor vehicle 12 with a suspended or revoked license; 13 (15) RCW 46.20.410 relating to the violation of restrictions of an 14 occupational driver's license, temporary restricted driver's license, or ignition interlock driver's license; 15 (16) RCW 46.20.740 relating to operation of a motor vehicle without 16 17 an ignition interlock device in violation of a license notation that the device is required; 18 (17) RCW 46.20.750 relating to circumventing an ignition interlock 19 20 device; 21 (18) RCW 46.25.170 relating to commercial driver's licenses; 22 (19) Chapter 46.29 RCW relating to financial responsibility; 23 (20) RCW 46.30.040 relating to providing false evidence of 24 financial responsibility; 25 (21) RCW 46.37.435 relating to wrongful installation of 26 sunscreening material; 27 (22) RCW 46.37.650 relating to the sale, resale, distribution, or 28 installation of a previously deployed air bag; 29 (23) RCW 46.37.671 through 46.37.675 relating to signal preemption 30 devices; 31 (24) RCW 46.44.180 relating to operation of mobile home pilot 32 vehicles; (25) RCW 46.48.175 relating to the transportation of dangerous 33 34 articles; 35 (26) RCW 46.52.010 relating to duty on striking an unattended car 36 or other property; 37 (27) RCW 46.52.020 relating to duty in case of injury to or death 38 of a person or damage to an attended vehicle;

1 (28) RCW 46.52.090 relating to reports by repairmen, storagemen, 2 and appraisers; (29) RCW 46.52.130 relating to confidentiality of the driving 3 4 record to be furnished to an insurance company, an employer, and an 5 alcohol/drug assessment or treatment agency; (30) RCW 46.55.020 relating to engaging in the activities of a б 7 registered tow truck operator without a registration certificate; 8 (31) RCW 46.55.035 relating to prohibited practices by tow truck 9 operators; 10 (32) RCW 46.55.300 relating to vehicle immobilization; (33) RCW 46.61.015 relating to obedience to police officers, 11 12 flaggers, or firefighters; 13 (34) RCW 46.61.020 relating to refusal to give information to or 14 cooperate with an officer; (35) RCW 46.61.022 relating to failure to 15 stop and give 16 identification to an officer; 17 (36) RCW 46.61.024 relating to attempting to elude pursuing police 18 vehicles; (37) RCW 46.61.500 relating to reckless driving; 19 (38) RCW 46.61.502 and 46.61.504 relating to persons under the 20 21 influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs; 22 (39) RCW 46.61.503 relating to a person under age twenty-one 23 driving a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol; 24 (40) RCW 46.61.520 relating to vehicular homicide by motor vehicle; (41) RCW 46.61.522 relating to vehicular assault; 25 26 (42) RCW 46.61.5249 relating to first degree negligent driving; 27 (43) RCW 46.61.527(4) relating to reckless endangerment of roadway 28 workers; 29 (44) RCW 46.61.530 relating to racing of vehicles on highways; 30 (45) RCW 46.61.655(7) (a) and (b) relating to failure to secure a 31 load; 32 (46) RCW 46.61.685 relating to leaving children in an unattended vehicle with the motor running; 33 (47) RCW 46.61.740 relating to theft of motor vehicle fuel; 34 35 (48) RCW 46.64.010 relating to unlawful cancellation of or attempt 36 to cancel a traffic citation; (49) RCW 46.64.048 relating to attempting, aiding, abetting, 37 38 coercing, and committing crimes;

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1 (50) Chapter 46.65 RCW relating to habitual traffic offenders;

2 (51) RCW 46.68.010 relating to false statements made to obtain a 3 refund;

4 (52) <u>Section 3 of this act relating to recording device</u> 5 <u>information;</u>

6 (53) Chapter 46.70 RCW relating to unfair motor vehicle business
7 practices, except where that chapter provides for the assessment of
8 monetary penalties of a civil nature;

9 ((<del>(53)</del>)) <u>(54)</u> Chapter 46.72 RCW relating to the transportation of 10 passengers in for hire vehicles;

11 (((<del>(54)</del>))) <u>(55)</u> RCW 46.72A.060 relating to limousine carrier 12 insurance;

13 ((<del>(55)</del>)) <u>(56)</u> RCW 46.72A.070 relating to operation of a limousine 14 without a vehicle certificate;

15 ((<del>(56)</del>)) <u>(57)</u> RCW 46.72A.080 relating to false advertising by a 16 limousine carrier;

17 ((<del>(57)</del>)) <u>(58)</u> Chapter 46.80 RCW relating to motor vehicle wreckers;

18 (((<del>(58)</del>))) <u>(59)</u> Chapter 46.82 RCW relating to driver's training 19 schools;

20 ((<del>(59)</del>)) <u>(60)</u> RCW 46.87.260 relating to alteration or forgery of a 21 cab card, letter of authority, or other temporary authority issued 22 under chapter 46.87 RCW;

23 ((<del>(60)</del>)) <u>(61)</u> RCW 46.87.290 relating to operation of an 24 unregistered or unlicensed vehicle under chapter 46.87 RCW.

25 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act constitute 26 a new chapter in Title 46 RCW.

27 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 8. This act takes effect July 1, 2010.

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