
SENATE BILL 5919

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1 AN ACT Relating to consumer protection of internet privacy; and
2 adding new sections to chapter 43.105 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 43.105
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 No telecommunications or internet service provider that has
7 entered into a franchise agreement, right-of-way agreement, or other
8 contract with the state of Washington or a political subdivision, or
9 that uses facilities that are subject to such agreements, even if it
10 is not a party to the agreement, may collect personal information
11 from a customer resulting from the customer's use of the
12 telecommunications or internet service provider without express
13 written approval from the customer. A telecommunications or internet
14 service provider may not refuse to provide its services to a customer
15 on the grounds that the customer has not approved collection of the
16 customer's personal information.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.105
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 The legislature finds that the practices covered by section 1 of
20 this act are matters vitally affecting the public interest for the

1 purpose of applying the consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW. A
2 violation of section 1 of this act is not reasonable in relation to
3 the development and preservation of business and constitutes an
4 unfair or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or
5 commerce and an unfair method of competition for purposes of applying
6 the consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW.

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