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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:
AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the tracking of the movement of individuals or vehicles for the purposes of determining taxes or fees to be assessed; and adding a new chapter to Title 1 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The people believe that the personal privacy of an individual should not be infringed upon by the government for the purposes of taxation and fee administration. Therefore, it is the intent of the people that details regarding when, where, and how an individual travels never be utilized by the state to calculate any taxes or fees owed to the state. Any form of technology currently in existence, or that is developed in the future, that has the capability of tracking the movement of individuals may not under any circumstances be collected by the state, or by a third party working to collect information for the state, to provide information to calculate taxes or fees for a per mile road usage charge for motor vehicles, or for any other tax or fee that could rely on such a calculation.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. No tax or fee assessed by the state may rely, in whole or in part, on technology that is used to track the movement of individuals or vehicles to collect information used in the calculation of the tax or fee to be assessed. Such technology could be hardware that is permanently or temporarily attached to a vehicle, transportation device, or entity; software that is installed on or can be configured on a vehicle, smartphone, or other technological device transported by individuals; or any other type of device that may be used to track the movement of individuals or vehicles. This prohibition does not include a prohibition on technology similar in function to a vehicle odometer, which is used solely to collect information on distance traveled, and which does
not collect specific location information to determine distance traveled. This prohibition also does not include a prohibition on technology that has the capability to distinguish driving that occurs in Washington from driving that occurs outside of Washington, provided that: (1) This technology does not retain any location information for a period of time longer than the amount of time required to make this determination; and (2) this capability is not activated unless a person selects the option to use it.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The provisions of this act are to be liberally construed to effectuate the policies, purposes, and intent of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. This act may be known and cited as the personal privacy shall not be infringed by tracking the movement of individuals or vehicles act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Sections 1 through 5 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 1 RCW.

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