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1 AN ACT Relating to private investigators; and amending RCW
2 18.165.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.165.020 and 2000 c 171 s 37 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The requirements of this chapter do not apply to:

7 (1) A person who is employed exclusively or regularly by one
8 employer and performs investigations solely in connection with the
9 affairs of that employer, if the employer is not a private
10 investigator agency;

11 (2) An officer or employee of the United States or of this state
12 or a political subdivision thereof, while engaged in the performance
13 of the officer's official duties;

14 (3) A person engaged exclusively in the business of obtaining and
15 furnishing information about the financial rating of persons;

16 (4) An attorney-at-law while performing the attorney's duties as
17 an attorney;

18 (5) A licensed collection agency or its employee, while acting
19 within the scope of that person's employment and making an
20 investigation incidental to the business of the agency;

- 1 (6) Insurers, agents, and insurance brokers licensed by the
2 state, while performing duties in connection with insurance
3 transacted by them;
- 4 (7) A bank subject to the jurisdiction of the department of
5 financial institutions or the comptroller of currency of the United
6 States, or a savings and loan association subject to the jurisdiction
7 of this state or the federal home loan bank board;
- 8 (8) A licensed insurance adjuster performing the adjuster's
9 duties within the scope of the adjuster's license;
- 10 (9) A secured creditor engaged in the repossession of the
11 creditor's collateral, or a lessor engaged in the repossession of
12 leased property in which it claims an interest;
- 13 (10) A person who is a forensic scientist, accident
14 reconstructionist, or other person who performs similar functions and
15 does not hold himself or herself out to be an investigator in any
16 other capacity; ((~~or~~))
- 17 (11) A person solely engaged in the business of securing
18 information about persons or property from public records; or
- 19 (12) A certified public accountant regulated under chapter 18.04
20 RCW or the employee of a certified public accountant performing
21 duties within the scope of public accountancy.

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