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## Washington Administrative Code Notice of Permanent Rules for Unlawful Practices

This explanatory statement concerns the **Washington State Department of Licensing's adoption of WAC 308-66-152 Unlawful Practices**

The Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.325(6)) requires agencies to complete a concise explanatory statement before filing adopted rules with the Office of the Code Reviser. This statement must be provided to anyone who gave comment about the proposed rule making.

Once persons who gave comment during this rule making have had a chance to receive this document, the Department of Licensing will file the amended rules with the Office of the Code Reviser. These rule changes will become effective 31 days after filing (approximately September 5, 2015).

The Department of Licensing appreciates your involvement in this rule making process. If you have any questions, please contact Damon Monroe, Agency Rules Coordinator, at (360) 902-3843 or e-mail at [dmonroe@dol.wa.gov](mailto:dmonroe@dol.wa.gov).

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### What are the agency's reasons for adopting this rule?

The Washington State vehicle industry and the Attorney General's Office identified a need for clarification regarding rebate advertising.

### Summary of all public comments received on this rule proposal and the agency's response to those comments:

I am writing in support of the Department of Licensing's proposed rulemaking on WAC 308-66-152. As drafted, the proposed rule will benefit both consumers and dealers by adding clarity to the Department's interpretation of RCW 46.70.180. The state's previous regulation of rebate advertising was ambiguous and led to a lack of uniformity in compliance and enforcement.

The new rule will provide dealers with a clear standard to evaluate the legality of a rebate advertisement, and should result in advertised prices for which more consumers can reasonably expect to qualify. As the clients of DOL, we appreciate and thank the Department for its willingness to work in a cooperative manner with all stakeholders during this process.

**Agency response:** Comments were received and acknowledged by the Department.

### WAC Changes:

None