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By Senators Pelz, West, Talmadge, McAuliffe, Oke, Sheldon, A. Smith, Moyer and Quigley

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1 AN ACT Relating to funding of tobacco education; adding a new
2 section to chapter 82.24 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 43.70 RCW;
3 creating a new section; providing an effective date; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the health impact
7 of the use of tobacco products continues to be a major problem in
8 Washington state. The legislature intends to aggressively address this
9 problem through an education program designed to reduce the use of
10 tobacco products by young people and encourage the cessation of use by
11 those who already smoke.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.24 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) In addition to the taxes provided in RCW 82.24.020, there is
15 imposed and shall be collected, an additional tax upon the sale, use,
16 consumption, handling, possession, or distribution of cigarettes, in an
17 amount equal to the rate of one-half of one mill per cigarette.

1 (2) Revenues collected under this section shall be deposited in the
2 tobacco prevention account under section 4 of this act.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 The department of health shall implement a tobacco education
6 program that emphasizes no new smokers, targets young people, and
7 promotes reduction of use. The program shall include an advertising
8 element that uses diverse types of media and strives to reach all
9 subcultures and subgroups of local communities. The advertising shall
10 stress the dangers and problems of tobacco use.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 The tobacco prevention account is created in the custody of the
14 state treasurer. All receipts from the tax in section 2 of this act
15 shall be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the account may
16 be used only for the purposes of section 3 of this act. Only the
17 secretary or the secretary's designee may authorize expenditures from
18 the account. The account is subject to allotment reduction procedures
19 under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for
20 expenditures.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
23 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
24 effect July 1, 1993.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** If any provision of this act or its
26 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
27 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
28 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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