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1 AN ACT Relating to communication network charges; and amending RCW
2 43.89.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.89.010 and 1993 sp.s. c 23 s 63 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The chief of the Washington state patrol (~~is hereby authorized~~
7 ~~to~~) may establish a (~~teletypewriter~~) communications network
8 (~~which~~) that will inter-connect the law enforcement agencies of the
9 state and its political subdivisions into a unified (~~written~~)
10 communications system. The chief of the Washington state patrol (~~is~~
11 ~~authorized to~~) may lease or purchase such facilities and equipment as
12 may be necessary to establish and maintain (~~such teletypewriter~~) the
13 communications network.

14 (1) The communications network shall be used exclusively for the
15 official business of the state, and the official business of any city,
16 county, city and county, or other public agency.

17 (2) This section does not prohibit the occasional use of the
18 state's communications network by any other state or public agency

1 thereof when the messages transmitted relate to the enforcement of the
2 criminal laws of the state.

3 (3) The chief of the Washington state patrol shall fix the monthly
4 operational charge to be paid by any department or agency of state
5 government, or any city, county, city and county, or other public
6 agency participating in the communications network(~~(:—PROVIDED,~~
7 ~~That)~~). In computing charges to be made against a city, county, or
8 city and county the state shall bear at least fifty percent of the
9 costs of ((such)) the service as its share in providing a modern
10 unified communications network to the law enforcement agencies of the
11 state. ((Of)) The fees collected pursuant to this section(~~(, one-half~~
12 ~~shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund and one-half shall be~~
13 ~~deposited in the transportation fund)) will be deposited into the state
14 patrol highway account.~~

15 (4) The chief of the Washington state patrol (~~(is authorized to)~~)
16 may arrange for the connection of the communications network with the
17 law enforcement communications system of any adjacent state, or the
18 province of British Columbia, Canada.

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