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- 1 AN ACT Relating to financing the construction, maintenance, and
- 2 marketing of facilities for tourists visiting the Mt. St. Helens
- 3 national volcanic monument; and adding a new section to chapter 67.28
- 4 RCW.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 67.28 RCW 7 to read as follows:
- 8 (1) The legislative body of any county bordering the Columbia river
- 9 with a population of more than eighty-four thousand but less than one
- 10 hundred fifteen thousand may levy and collect a special excise tax of
- 11 up to three percent on the sale of or charge made for the furnishing of
- 12 lodging by a hotel, rooming house, tourist court, motel, trailer camp,
- 13 and the granting of any similar license to use real property, as
- 14 distinguished from the renting or leasing of real property. For the
- 15 purposes of this tax, it is presumed that the occupancy of real
- 16 property for a continuous period of one month or more constitutes a
- 17 rental or lease of real property and not a mere license to use or to
- 18 enjoy the property.

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- 1 (2) The proceeds of the tax must be used for construction,
- 2 maintenance, and marketing of facilities for tourists visiting the Mt.
- 3 St. Helens national volcanic monument. The proceeds may be assigned in
- 4 whole or in part for retirement of debt incurred to construct the
- 5 facilities.
- 6 (3) A seller, as defined in RCW 82.08.010, who is required to collect a tax under this section shall pay over the tax to the county 8 as provided in RCW 67.28.200. The deduction under RCW 67.28.190 does 9 not apply to a tax imposed under this section.

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