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By Senators West, Loveland, Hale, Wojahn, Swecker, Bauer, Rasmussen, Rossi and Heavey

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1 AN ACT Relating to exempting unassisted self-service motor vehicle  
2 wash, wax, and vacuum services rendered through coin-operated devices  
3 from sales and use taxes; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW;  
4 and adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 82.08 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to the  
9 furnishing at a certified self-service motor vehicle wash and wax  
10 facility of washing, waxing, and vacuuming a motor vehicle or other  
11 personal property, if the purchaser or user of the service washes,  
12 waxes, or vacuums the person's motor vehicle or other property at the  
13 facility, exclusively by means of coin-operated devices, whether  
14 automatic or manually operated, belonging to the vendor, without  
15 assistance from an employee of the vendor.

16 (2) For the purposes of this section:

17 (a) "Certified self-service motor vehicle wash and wax facility"  
18 means a facility that is connected to a sanitary sewer into which all  
19 of the facility's effluent is drained or otherwise legally disposed of

1 and that has been certified by an independent backflow prevention  
2 inspector that the facility uses:

3 (i) No more than four gallons of water per minute in its self-  
4 service wand bays during its automobile and light truck high-pressure  
5 cycles, and five gallons of water per minute in its recreational  
6 vehicle and truck bays;

7 (ii) No more than one-half gallon of water per minute in its self-  
8 service wand bays during the foaming brush cycle;

9 (iii) No more than one gallon of water per minute in its self-  
10 service wand bays during the tire cleaner and presoak cycles;

11 (iv) No more than two gallons of water per minute in its self-  
12 service wand bays during the spot-free final rinse cycle; and

13 (v) No more than thirty gallons per minute, or seventy-five gallons  
14 total, to wash a vehicle with the basic wash in an automatic bay, if  
15 any.

16 (b) "Coin-operated devices" includes equipment operated by tokens  
17 or currency.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.12 RCW  
19 to read as follows:

20 (1) The provisions of this chapter do not apply with respect to the  
21 use of the furnishing at a certified self-service motor vehicle wash  
22 and wax facility of the service of washing, waxing, and vacuuming a  
23 motor vehicle or other personal property, if the purchaser or user of  
24 the service washes, waxes, or vacuums the person's motor vehicle or  
25 other tangible property at the facility, exclusively by means of coin-  
26 operated devices, whether automatic or manually operated, belonging to  
27 the vendor, without assistance from an employee of the vendor.

28 (2) For the purposes of this section:

29 (a) "Certified self-service motor vehicle wash and wax facility"  
30 means a facility that is connected to a sanitary sewer into which all  
31 of the facility's effluent is drained or otherwise legally disposed of  
32 and that has been certified by an independent backflow prevention  
33 inspector that the facility uses:

34 (i) No more than four gallons of water per minute in its self-  
35 service wand bays during its automobile and light truck high-pressure  
36 cycles, and five gallons of water per minute in its recreational  
37 vehicle and truck bays;

1 (ii) No more than one-half gallon of water per minute in its self-  
2 service wand bays during the foaming brush cycle;

3 (iii) No more than one gallon of water per minute in its self-  
4 service wand bays during the tire cleaner and presoak cycles;

5 (iv) No more than two gallons of water per minute in its self-  
6 service wand bays during the spot-free final rinse cycle; and

7 (v) No more than thirty gallons per minute, or seventy-five gallons  
8 total, to wash a vehicle with the basic wash in an automatic bay, if  
9 any.

10 (b) "Coin-operated devices" includes equipment operated by tokens  
11 or currency.

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