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1 AN ACT Relating to the multimodal fund; amending RCW 46.68.035 and
2 46.01.140; adding a new section to chapter 46.68 RCW; providing an
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.68 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The multimodal fund is created in the state treasury. Moneys in
8 the fund may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the
9 fund may be used only for transportation purposes.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.68.035 and 1993 c 102 s 7 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 All proceeds from combined vehicle licensing fees received by the
13 director for vehicles licensed under RCW 46.16.070 and 46.16.085 shall
14 be forwarded to the state treasurer to be distributed into accounts
15 according to the following method:

16 (1) The sum of two dollars for each vehicle shall be deposited into
17 the ((highway safety)) multimodal fund, except that for each vehicle
18 registered by a county auditor or agent to a county auditor pursuant to

1 RCW 46.01.140, the sum of two dollars shall be credited to the current
2 county expense fund.

3 (2) The remainder shall be distributed as follows:

4 (a) 23.677 percent shall be deposited into the state patrol highway
5 account of the motor vehicle fund;

6 (b) 1.521 percent shall be deposited into the Puget Sound ferry
7 operations account of the motor vehicle fund; and

8 (c) The remaining proceeds shall be deposited into the motor
9 vehicle fund.

10 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.01.140 and 1996 c 315 s 1 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (1) The county auditor, if appointed by the director of licensing
13 shall carry out the provisions of this title relating to the licensing
14 of vehicles and the issuance of vehicle license number plates under the
15 direction and supervision of the director and may with the approval of
16 the director appoint assistants as special deputies and recommend
17 subagents to accept applications and collect fees for vehicle licenses
18 and transfers and to deliver vehicle license number plates.

19 (2) A county auditor appointed by the director may request that the
20 director appoint subagencies within the county. Upon authorization of
21 the director, the auditor shall advertise a request for proposals and
22 use the process for soliciting vendors under RCW 39.04.190(2), except
23 that the provision requiring the contract to be awarded to the lowest
24 responsible bidder shall not apply. The auditor shall submit all
25 proposals to the director, and shall recommend the appointment of one
26 or more subagents who have applied through the request for proposal
27 process. The director has final appointment authority.

28 (3)(a) A county auditor who is appointed as an agent by the
29 department shall enter into a standard contract provided by the
30 director, developed with the advice of the title and registration
31 advisory committee.

32 (b) A subagent appointed under subsection (2) of this section shall
33 enter into a standard contract with the county auditor, developed with
34 the advice of the title and registration advisory committee. The
35 director shall provide the standard contract to county auditors.

36 (c) The contracts provided for in (a) and (b) of this subsection
37 must contain at a minimum provisions that:

1 (i) Describe the responsibilities, and where applicable, the
2 liability, of each party relating to the service expectations and
3 levels, equipment to be supplied by the department, and equipment
4 maintenance;

5 (ii) Require the specific type of insurance or bonds so that the
6 state is protected against any loss of collected motor vehicle tax
7 revenues or loss of equipment;

8 (iii) Specify the amount of training that will be provided by the
9 state, the county auditor, or subagents;

10 (iv) Describe allowable costs that may be charged to vehicle
11 licensing activities as provided for in (d) of this subsection;

12 (v) Describe the causes and procedures for termination of the
13 contract, which may include mediation and binding arbitration.

14 (d) The department shall develop procedures that will standardize
15 and prescribe allowable costs that may be assigned to vehicle licensing
16 and vessel registration and title activities performed by county
17 auditors.

18 (e) The contracts may include any provision that the director deems
19 necessary to ensure acceptable service and the full collection of
20 vehicle and vessel tax revenues.

21 (f) The director may waive any provisions of the contract deemed
22 necessary in order to ensure that readily accessible service is
23 provided to the citizens of the state.

24 (4)(a) At any time any application is made to the director, the
25 county auditor, or other agent pursuant to any law dealing with
26 licenses, registration, or the right to operate any vehicle or vessel
27 upon the public highways or waters of this state, excluding applicants
28 already paying such fee under RCW 46.16.070 or 46.16.085, the applicant
29 shall pay to the director, county auditor, or other agent a fee of
30 three dollars for each application in addition to any other fees
31 required by law.

32 (b) Counties that do not cover the expenses of vehicle licensing
33 and vessel registration and title activities may submit to the
34 department a request for cost-coverage moneys. The request must be
35 submitted on a form developed by the department. The department shall
36 develop procedures to verify whether a request is reasonable. Payment
37 shall be made on requests found to be allowable from the licensing
38 services account.

1 (c) Applicants for certificates of ownership, including applicants
2 paying fees under RCW 46.16.070 or 46.16.085, shall pay to the
3 director, county auditor, or other agent a fee of four dollars in
4 addition to any other fees required by law.

5 (d) The fees under (a) and (c) of this subsection, if paid to the
6 county auditor as agent of the director, or if paid to a subagent of
7 the county auditor, shall be paid to the county treasurer in the same
8 manner as other fees collected by the county auditor and credited to
9 the county current expense fund. If the fee is paid to another agent
10 of the director, the fee shall be used by the agent to defray his or
11 her expenses in handling the application.

12 (5) A subagent shall collect a service fee of (a) seven dollars and
13 fifty cents for changes in a certificate of ownership, with or without
14 registration renewal, or verification of record and preparation of an
15 affidavit of lost title other than at the time of the title application
16 or transfer and (b) three dollars for registration renewal only,
17 issuing a transit permit, or any other service under this section.

18 (6) If the fee is collected by the state patrol as agent for the
19 director, the fee so collected shall be certified to the state
20 treasurer and deposited to the credit of the state patrol highway
21 account. If the fee is collected by the department of transportation
22 as agent for the director, the fee shall be certified to the state
23 treasurer and deposited to the credit of the motor vehicle fund. All
24 such fees collected by the director or branches of his office shall be
25 certified to the state treasurer and deposited to the credit of the
26 (~~highway safety~~) multimodal fund.

27 (7) Any county revenues that exceed the cost of providing vehicle
28 licensing and vessel registration and title activities in a county,
29 calculated in accordance with the procedures in subsection (3)(d) of
30 this section, shall be expended as determined by the county legislative
31 authority during the process established by law for adoption of county
32 budgets.

33 (8) The director may adopt rules to implement this section.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act take effect
35 July 1, 2000.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Section 1 of this act is necessary for the
37 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or

1 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,
2 and takes effect immediately.

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