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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing marriage license fees to fund
2 domestic violence programs; amending RCW 36.18.010, 26.04.160, and
3 70.123.030; and adding a new section to chapter 70.123 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.18.010 and 2002 c 294 s 3 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 County auditors or recording officers shall collect the following
8 fees for their official services:

9 (1) For recording instruments, for the first page eight and one-
10 half by fourteen inches or less, five dollars; for each additional page
11 eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, one dollar. The fee for
12 recording multiple transactions contained in one instrument will be
13 calculated for each transaction requiring separate indexing as required
14 under RCW 65.04.050 as follows: The fee for each title or transaction
15 is the same fee as the first page of any additional recorded document;
16 the fee for additional pages is the same fee as for any additional
17 pages for any recorded document; the fee for the additional pages may
18 be collected only once and may not be collected for each title or
19 transaction;

1 (2) For preparing and certifying copies, for the first page eight
2 and one-half by fourteen inches or less, three dollars; for each
3 additional page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, one
4 dollar;

5 (3) For preparing noncertified copies, for each page eight and one-
6 half by fourteen inches or less, one dollar;

7 (4) For administering an oath or taking an affidavit, with or
8 without seal, two dollars;

9 (5) For issuing a marriage license, eight dollars, (this fee
10 includes taking necessary affidavits, filing returns, indexing, and
11 transmittal of a record of the marriage to the state registrar of vital
12 statistics), plus ten dollars to be transmitted monthly to the state
13 treasury for deposit in the domestic violence prevention account, plus
14 an additional five-dollar fee for use and support of the prevention of
15 child abuse and neglect activities to be transmitted monthly to the
16 state treasurer and deposited in the state general fund plus an
17 additional ten-dollar fee to be transmitted monthly to the state
18 treasurer and deposited in the state general fund. The legislature
19 intends to appropriate an amount at least equal to the revenue
20 generated by this fee for the purposes of the displaced homemaker act,
21 chapter 28B.04 RCW;

22 (6) For searching records per hour, eight dollars;

23 (7) For recording plats, fifty cents for each lot except cemetery
24 plats for which the charge shall be twenty-five cents per lot; also one
25 dollar for each acknowledgment, dedication, and description: PROVIDED,
26 That there shall be a minimum fee of twenty-five dollars per plat;

27 (8) For recording of miscellaneous records not listed above, for
28 the first page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, five
29 dollars; for each additional page eight and one-half by fourteen inches
30 or less, one dollar;

31 (9) For modernization and improvement of the recording and indexing
32 system, a surcharge as provided in RCW 36.22.170((-));

33 (10) For recording an emergency nonstandard document as provided in
34 RCW 65.04.047, fifty dollars, in addition to all other applicable
35 recording fees((-));

36 (11) For recording instruments, a surcharge as provided in RCW
37 36.22.178.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 26.04.160 and 1997 c 58 s 909 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) Application for a marriage license must be made and filed with
4 the appropriate county auditor upon blanks to be provided by the county
5 auditor for that purpose, which application shall be under the oath of
6 each of the applicants, and each application shall state the name,
7 address at the time of execution of application, age, social security
8 number, birthplace, whether single, widowed or divorced, and whether
9 under control of a guardian, residence during the past six months:
10 PROVIDED, That each county may require such other and further
11 information on said application as it shall deem necessary.

12 (2)(a) The county legislative authority may impose an additional
13 fee up to fifteen dollars on a marriage license for the purpose of
14 funding family services such as family support centers.

15 (b) The county legislative authority may impose an additional fee
16 of three dollars on a marriage license to fund domestic violence
17 prevention services and programs within the county or, if the county
18 does not have such services and programs, to contract with community-
19 based domestic violence program providers.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 70.123 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 The domestic violence prevention account is created in the state
23 treasury. All receipts from the marriage license fee imposed for
24 deposit in the domestic violence prevention act under RCW 36.18.010(5)
25 must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may be spent
26 only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used
27 only for funding nonshelter community-based services for victims of
28 domestic violence.

29 **Sec. 4.** RCW 70.123.030 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 s 235 are each
30 amended to read as follows:

31 The department of social and health services, in consultation with
32 the state department of health, and individuals or groups having
33 experience and knowledge of the problems of victims of domestic
34 violence, shall:

35 (1) Establish minimum standards for shelters applying for grants

1 from the department under this chapter. Classifications may be made
2 dependent upon size, geographic location, and population needs;

3 (2) Receive grant applications for the development and
4 establishment of shelters for victims of domestic violence;

5 (3) Distribute funds, within forty-five days after approval, to
6 those shelters meeting departmental standards;

7 (4) Evaluate biennially each shelter receiving departmental funds
8 for compliance with the established minimum standards; (~~and~~)

9 (5) Review the minimum standards each biennium to ensure
10 applicability to community and client needs; and

11 (6) Administer funds available from the domestic violence
12 prevention account under section 3 of this act and establish minimum
13 standards for nonshelter community-based services receiving funds
14 administered by the department.

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