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1 AN ACT Relating to prioritizing existing funding for special safety  
2 corridor projects; amending RCW 46.16.270; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 46.68 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.270 and 2005 c 314 s 302 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 ~~((The total replacement plate fee shall be deposited in the motor  
8 vehicle fund.))~~

9 (1) Upon the loss, defacement, or destruction of one or both of the  
10 vehicle license number plates issued for any vehicle where more than  
11 one plate was originally issued or where one or both have become so  
12 illegible or in such a condition as to be difficult to distinguish, or  
13 upon the owner's option, the owner of the vehicle shall make  
14 application for new vehicle license number plates upon a form furnished  
15 by the director. The application shall be filed with the director or  
16 the director's authorized agent, accompanied by the certificate of  
17 license registration of the vehicle and a fee in the amount of ten  
18 dollars per plate, whereupon the director, or the director's authorized  
19 agent, shall issue new vehicle license number plates to the applicant.

1 It shall be accompanied by a fee of two dollars for a new motorcycle  
2 license number plate. In the event the director has issued license  
3 period tabs or a windshield emblem instead of vehicle license number  
4 plates, and upon the loss, defacement, or destruction of the tabs or  
5 windshield emblem, application shall be made on a form provided by the  
6 director and in the same manner as above described, and shall be  
7 accompanied by a fee of one dollar for each pair of tabs or for each  
8 windshield emblem, whereupon the director shall issue to the applicant  
9 a duplicate pair of tabs, year tabs, and when necessary month tabs or  
10 a windshield emblem to replace those lost, defaced, or destroyed. For  
11 vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of Washington or by any  
12 county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision of  
13 the state of Washington or United States government, or owned or leased  
14 by the governing body of an Indian tribe as defined in RCW 46.16.020,  
15 a fee shall be charged for replacement of a vehicle license number  
16 plate only to the extent required by the provisions of RCW 46.16.020,  
17 46.16.237, and 46.01.140. For vehicles owned, rented, or leased by  
18 foreign countries or international bodies to which the United States  
19 government is a signatory by treaty, the payment of any fee for the  
20 replacement of a vehicle license number plate shall not be required.

21 (2) The replacement fee shall be deposited as follows:

22 (a) Seven dollars per vehicle license number plate in the motor  
23 vehicle fund; and

24 (b) Three dollars per vehicle license number plate in the special  
25 safety corridor account created in section 2 of this act.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 46.68 RCW  
27 to read as follows:

28 (1) The special safety corridor account is created in the motor  
29 vehicle fund. All receipts from the fee imposed under RCW 46.16.270(1)  
30 for replacement vehicle license number plates, as distributed under RCW  
31 46.16.270(2)(b), must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the  
32 account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the  
33 account may be used for special safety corridor projects. Special  
34 safety corridor projects are projects that may require bond financing  
35 to complete construction and safety improvements. The following  
36 criteria shall be used in determining which special safety corridor  
37 projects have the highest priority:

1 (a) Fatal accident experience;  
2 (b) Historic underfunding of safety improvements;  
3 (c) Ability to leverage additional nonstate revenue sources;  
4 (d) Contribute to the economic development of the corridor; and  
5 (e) Provide additional capacity to move people and goods safely.  
6 (2) The following projects, listed in order of priority, are  
7 eligible for special safety corridor account funding:  
8 (a) State route number 2 beginning near the junction with state  
9 route number 9 at milepost 5 to the King county line at Stevens Pass  
10 near milepost 64;  
11 (b) State route number 97 beginning at milepost 0 to milepost 63;  
12 and  
13 (c) State route number 20 beginning near Sedro Woolley at milepost  
14 64 to near Newport at milepost 436.  
15 Moneys deposited in the special safety corridor account may be used  
16 for payment of debt service on bonds the proceeds of which are used to  
17 finance special safety corridor projects under this section.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
20 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
21 immediately.

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