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1 AN ACT Relating to funding mental health services by repealing the
2 nonresident sales tax exemption; adding a new section to chapter 82.32
3 RCW; creating a new section; repealing RCW 82.08.0273; and providing
4 for submission of this act to a vote of the people.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that many
7 Washington residents need essential mental health services to preserve
8 and promote wellness, strong families, and public safety. Furthermore,
9 ensuring a strong mental health safety net saves Washington taxpayers
10 money by preventing the need for expensive emergency, hospitalization,
11 and criminal justice services. The legislature further finds that
12 there is a need to provide stable funding to maintain critical mental
13 health services for Washington residents.

14 (2) The legislature also finds that while Washington residents pay
15 sales taxes, nonresidents come to Washington to enjoy Washington's
16 amenities and receive an unfair tax break by avoiding sales taxes.
17 Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature that nonresidents pay
18 sales taxes just as Washington residents do, in order to preserve and
19 promote strong mental health services and public safety in Washington.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.08.0273 (Exemptions--Sales to
2 nonresidents of tangible personal property, digital goods, and digital
3 codes for use outside the state--Proof of nonresident status--
4 Penalties) and 2011 c 7 s 1, 2010 c 106 s 215, 2009 c 535 s 512, 2007
5 c 135 s 2, 2003 c 53 s 399, 1993 c 444 s 1, 1988 c 96 s 1, 1982 1st
6 ex.s. c 5 s 1, & 1980 c 37 s 39 are each repealed.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 82.32 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 By June 1, 2012, and by June 1st of every year thereafter, the
10 department must annually estimate the increase in state revenue for the
11 current fiscal year resulting from the repeal of the nonresident sales
12 tax exemption (RCW 82.08.0273), and certify the estimated amount to the
13 state treasurer. By July 1, 2012, and by July 1st of every year
14 thereafter, the state treasurer must transfer the certified amount from
15 the state general fund into the mental health services account hereby
16 created in the state treasury. Money in the account may only be
17 appropriated for the provision of mental health services, as defined in
18 RCW 71.24.025.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The secretary of state shall submit this act
20 to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the
21 next general election to be held in this state, in accordance with
22 Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution and the laws adopted to
23 facilitate its operation.

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