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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington auto theft prevention authority
2 account; and amending RCW 46.66.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.66.080 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4 s 964 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The Washington auto theft prevention authority account is
7 created in the state treasury, subject to appropriation. All revenues
8 from the traffic infraction surcharge in RCW 46.63.110(7)(b) and all
9 receipts from gifts, grants, bequests, devises, or other funds from
10 public and private sources to support the activities of the auto
11 theft prevention authority must be deposited into the account.
12 Expenditures from the account may be used only for activities
13 relating to motor vehicle theft, including education, prevention, law
14 enforcement, investigation, prosecution, and local confinement.
15 During the 2011-2013, 2013-2015, and 2015-2017 fiscal biennia, the
16 legislature may appropriate moneys from the Washington auto theft
17 prevention authority account for criminal justice purposes and
18 community building and may transfer funds to the state general fund
19 such amounts as reflect the excess fund balance of the account.

20 (2) The authority shall allocate moneys appropriated from the
21 account to public agencies for the purpose of establishing,

1 maintaining, and supporting programs that are designed to prevent
2 motor vehicle theft, including:

3 (a) Financial support to prosecution agencies to increase the
4 effectiveness of motor vehicle theft prosecution;

5 (b) Financial support to a unit of local government or a team
6 consisting of units of local governments to increase the
7 effectiveness of motor vehicle theft enforcement;

8 (c) Financial support for the procurement of equipment and
9 technologies for use by law enforcement agencies for the purpose of
10 enforcing motor vehicle theft laws; and

11 (d) Financial support for programs that are designed to educate
12 and assist the public in the prevention of motor vehicle theft.

13 (3) The costs of administration shall not exceed ten percent of
14 the moneys in the account in any one year so that the greatest
15 possible portion of the moneys available to the authority is expended
16 on combating motor vehicle theft.

17 (4) Prior to awarding any moneys from the Washington auto theft
18 prevention authority account for motor vehicle theft enforcement, the
19 auto theft prevention authority must verify that the financial award
20 includes sufficient funding to cover proposed activities, which
21 include, but are not limited to: (a) (~~State, municipal,~~) Municipal
22 and county offender and juvenile confinement costs; (b)
23 administration costs; (c) law enforcement costs; (d) prosecutor
24 costs; and (e) court costs, with a priority being given to ensuring
25 that sufficient funding is available to cover (~~state,~~)
26 municipal(~~,~~) and county offender and juvenile confinement costs.

27 (5) Moneys expended from the Washington auto theft prevention
28 authority account under subsection (2) of this section shall be used
29 to supplement, not supplant, other moneys that are available for
30 motor vehicle theft prevention.

31 (6) Grants provided under subsection (2) of this section
32 constitute reimbursement for purposes of RCW 43.135.060(1).

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