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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2334** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Berg, Street, Parshley, Ryu, Ramel, Reed, Fitzgibbon, Zahn, Wylie, Morgan, Thomas, Ormsby, Stearns, Macri, Hill, and Thai)

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1 AN ACT Relating to adjusting the price of a cash transaction to
2 eliminate the need for pennies; adding a new section to chapter 43.17
3 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW; adding a new section
4 to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW;
5 adding a new chapter to Title 1 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 19
6 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of
9 law to the contrary, and except as provided in subsection (5) of this
10 section, the total price or change due of any in-person cash
11 transaction may be rounded to the nearest five cent increment as
12 follows:

13 (a) If the final digit of a cash transaction ends in one cent,
14 two cents, six cents, or seven cents, the final digit may be rounded
15 down to the nearest amount divisible by five cents;

16 (b) If the final digit of a cash transaction ends in three cents,
17 four cents, eight cents, or nine cents, the final digit may be
18 rounded up to the nearest amount divisible by five cents; or

19 (c) If the final digit of a cash transaction ends in zero cents
20 or five cents, the final digit may not be rounded up or down.

1 (2) This section applies only to in-person payments made by legal
2 tender. This section does not apply to transactions for which payment
3 is made by any demand or negotiable instrument, electronic funds
4 transfer, money order, credit card, debit card, electronic payment,
5 or other like instrument.

6 (3) In mixed-tender transactions, rounding applies only to the
7 portion of the transaction paid in cash. Rounding must not alter or
8 affect the exact amounts authorized, cleared, or settled through any
9 noncash payment system.

10 (4) Rounding to the nearest amount divisible by five cents under
11 subsection (1) of this section applies solely to the payment amount
12 tendered and does not alter the sales price, the amount of tax owed
13 or collected, or any surcharges, assessments, or applicable fees
14 imposed on the sale.

15 (5) The total price of any transaction, without any rounding
16 adjustment, may be paid by the customer at the customer's option if
17 the customer has the exact legal tender to pay the total price.

18 (6) (a) The regulation of rounding practices in cash transactions
19 is a matter of statewide concern.

20 (b) This section preempts and supersedes any ordinance,
21 regulation, or rule adopted by a local government that prohibits,
22 restricts, penalizes, or otherwise regulates any seller's or
23 government's ability to round cash transactions as authorized by this
24 section.

25 (c) A local government shall not enforce any law that treats
26 lawful rounding under this section as a surcharge, penalty, or
27 unlawful price differential based on the method of payment.

28 (7) The rounding of a total price in accordance with this section
29 that creates an inconsistency with any displayed or advertised price
30 is not actionable under the consumer protection act, chapter 19.86
31 RCW.

32 (8) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions
33 apply:

34 (a) "Legal tender" means all coins and currencies of the United
35 States.

36 (b) "Total price" means the final amount due and payable by the
37 buyer for the purchase of any good, service, or other product, or
38 combination thereof, after all applicable taxes and fees are applied,
39 as well as any discounts or other adjustments that are made by the
40 seller.

1 (c) "Transaction" means the entire purchase by a buyer from a
2 seller for all goods, services, and other products, at that date and
3 time as is shown on an invoice or receipt. A transaction may include
4 one item or multiple items.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Any person selling goods or services
6 shall calculate and remit all taxes and fees imposed by state or
7 municipal taxing authorities based on the sales price before any
8 transaction rounding authorized by section 1 of this act.

9 (2) No action taken in compliance with section 1 of this act by
10 any person selling goods or services constitutes a violation of any
11 state or municipal requirements, laws, regulations, or standards.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.17
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 (1) When pennies are not available, and except as provided in
15 subsection (2) of this section, an agency may adjust the total price
16 of a cash transaction by rounding the total in the same manner as
17 provided in section 1 of this act if any tax, fee, or similar charge
18 included in or applicable to the transaction is remitted to the state
19 on the prerounded amount.

20 (2) The total price of any transaction, without any rounding
21 adjustment, may be paid by the customer at the customer's option if
22 the customer has the exact legal tender to pay the total price.

23 (3) For the purpose of this section, "agency" has the same
24 meaning as in RCW 42.56.010.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 This chapter does not apply to amounts received from rounding-up
28 adjustments made under section 1 of this act. No deduction is allowed
29 under this chapter for rounding-down adjustments made under section 1
30 of this act.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 82.08
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 (1) The total price of any transaction may be adjusted as
34 provided in section 1 of this act.

35 (2) The sales tax imposed under this chapter must be calculated
36 on the selling price of goods, services, or other products subject to

1 sales tax without regard to any rounding applied under section 1 of
2 this act.

3 (3) Any rounding permitted under section 1 of this act applies
4 solely to the cash tendered in an in-person retail sales transaction
5 and does not alter the measure of the sales tax due under this
6 chapter.

7 (4) Nothing in this section authorizes the rounding of the amount
8 of sales tax due.

9 (5) For the purposes of this section, "total price" and
10 "transaction" have the same meanings as provided in section 1 of this
11 act.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 82.12
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 (1) The total price of any transaction may be adjusted as
15 provided in section 1 of this act.

16 (2) The use tax imposed under this chapter must be calculated on
17 the selling price of goods, services, or other products subject to
18 use tax without regard to any rounding applied under section 1 of
19 this act.

20 (3) Any rounding permitted under section 1 of this act applies
21 solely to the cash tendered in an in-person retail sales transaction
22 and does not alter the measure of the use tax due under this chapter.

23 (4) Nothing in this section authorizes the rounding of the amount
24 of use tax due.

25 (5) For the purposes of this section, "total price" and
26 "transaction" have the same meanings as provided in section 1 of this
27 act.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** RCW 82.32.805 and 82.32.808 do not apply
29 to this act.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Section 1 of this act constitutes a new
31 chapter in Title 1 RCW.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Section 2 of this act constitutes a new
33 chapter in Title 19 RCW.

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