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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5078**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senator Haugen)

READ FIRST TIME 03/22/01.

1 AN ACT Relating to vehicle license fees; amending RCW 46.68.030 and  
2 46.16.0621; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.68.030 and 1990 c 42 s 109 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Except for proceeds from fees for vehicle licensing for vehicles  
7 paying such fees under RCW 46.16.070 and 46.16.085, and as otherwise  
8 provided for in chapter 46.16 RCW, all fees received by the director  
9 for vehicle licenses under the provisions of chapter 46.16 RCW shall be  
10 forwarded to the state treasurer, accompanied by a proper identifying  
11 detailed report, and be deposited to the credit of the motor vehicle  
12 fund, except that the proceeds from the vehicle license fee and renewal  
13 license fee shall be deposited by the state treasurer as hereinafter  
14 provided. After July 1, (~~(1981, that portion)~~) 2001, \$20.35 of each  
15 vehicle license fee (~~(in excess of \$7.40 and that portion)~~) and \$20.35  
16 of each renewal license fee (~~(in excess of \$3.40)~~) shall be deposited  
17 in the state patrol highway account in the motor vehicle fund(~~(, hereby~~  
18 ~~created)~~). Vehicle license fees, renewal license fees, and all other  
19 funds in the state patrol highway account shall be for the sole use of

1 the Washington state patrol for highway activities of the Washington  
2 state patrol, subject to proper appropriations and reappropriations  
3 therefor, for any fiscal biennium after June 30, 1981, and twenty-seven  
4 and three-tenths percent of the proceeds from \$7.40 of each vehicle  
5 license fee and twenty-seven and three-tenths percent of the proceeds  
6 from \$3.40 of each renewal license fee shall be deposited each biennium  
7 in the Puget Sound ferry operations account. Any remaining amounts of  
8 vehicle license fees and renewal license fees that are not deposited in  
9 the Puget Sound ferry operations account shall be deposited in the  
10 motor vehicle fund.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.0621 and 2000 1st sp.s. c 1 s 1 are each amended  
12 to read as follows:

13 (1) License tab fees shall be thirty dollars per year for motor  
14 vehicles, regardless of year, value, make, or model, beginning January  
15 1, 2000.

16 (2) For the purposes of this section, "license tab fees" are  
17 defined as the general fees paid annually for licensing motor vehicles,  
18 including cars, sport utility vehicles, motorcycles, ~~((and))~~ motor  
19 homes, and nonmotorized vehicles including trailers as defined in RCW  
20 46.04.620. Trailers licensed under RCW 46.16.065, 46.16.068, or  
21 46.16.085 are not required to pay license tab fees under this section.

22 (3) The provisions of this section regarding nonmotorized vehicles  
23 shall become effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due  
24 September 1, 2001, or thereafter.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
26 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
27 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
28 July 1, 2001.

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