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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing marriage license fees to fund
2 domestic violence programs; amending RCW 36.18.010 and 70.123.030; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 70.123 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.18.010 and 2002 c 294 s 3 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 County auditors or recording officers shall collect the following
8 fees for their official services:

9 (1) For recording instruments, for the first page eight and one-
10 half by fourteen inches or less, five dollars; for each additional page
11 eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, one dollar. The fee for
12 recording multiple transactions contained in one instrument will be
13 calculated for each transaction requiring separate indexing as required
14 under RCW 65.04.050 as follows: The fee for each title or transaction
15 is the same fee as the first page of any additional recorded document;
16 the fee for additional pages is the same fee as for any additional
17 pages for any recorded document; the fee for the additional pages may
18 be collected only once and may not be collected for each title or
19 transaction;

1 (2) For preparing and certifying copies, for the first page eight
2 and one-half by fourteen inches or less, three dollars; for each
3 additional page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, one
4 dollar;

5 (3) For preparing noncertified copies, for each page eight and one-
6 half by fourteen inches or less, one dollar;

7 (4) For administering an oath or taking an affidavit, with or
8 without seal, two dollars;

9 (5) For issuing a marriage license, eight dollars, (this fee
10 includes taking necessary affidavits, filing returns, indexing, and
11 transmittal of a record of the marriage to the state registrar of vital
12 statistics), plus ten dollars to be transmitted monthly to the state
13 treasury for deposit in the domestic violence prevention account, plus
14 an additional five-dollar fee for use and support of the prevention of
15 child abuse and neglect activities to be transmitted monthly to the
16 state treasurer and deposited in the state general fund plus an
17 additional ten-dollar fee to be transmitted monthly to the state
18 treasurer and deposited in the state general fund. The legislature
19 intends to appropriate an amount at least equal to the revenue
20 generated by this fee for the purposes of the displaced homemaker act,
21 chapter 28B.04 RCW;

22 (6) For searching records per hour, eight dollars;

23 (7) For recording plats, fifty cents for each lot except cemetery
24 plats for which the charge shall be twenty-five cents per lot; also one
25 dollar for each acknowledgment, dedication, and description: PROVIDED,
26 That there shall be a minimum fee of twenty-five dollars per plat;

27 (8) For recording of miscellaneous records not listed above, for
28 the first page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, five
29 dollars; for each additional page eight and one-half by fourteen inches
30 or less, one dollar;

31 (9) For modernization and improvement of the recording and indexing
32 system, a surcharge as provided in RCW 36.22.170((-));

33 (10) For recording an emergency nonstandard document as provided in
34 RCW 65.04.047, fifty dollars, in addition to all other applicable
35 recording fees((-));

36 (11) For recording instruments, a surcharge as provided in RCW
37 36.22.178.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.123 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The domestic violence prevention account is created in the custody
4 of the state treasurer. All receipts from the marriage license fee
5 imposed for deposit in the domestic violence prevention act under RCW
6 36.18.010(5) must be deposited into the account. Only the department
7 of social and health services may authorize expenditures from the
8 account, and expenditures from the account shall be used to fund
9 community-based services for victims of family violence. The account
10 is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an
11 appropriation is not required for expenditures.

12 **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.123.030 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 s 235 are each
13 amended to read as follows:

14 The department of social and health services, in consultation with
15 the state department of health, and individuals or groups having
16 experience and knowledge of the problems of victims of domestic
17 violence, shall:

18 (1) Establish minimum standards for shelters applying for grants
19 from the department under this chapter. Classifications may be made
20 dependent upon size, geographic location, and population needs;

21 (2) Receive grant applications for the development and
22 establishment of shelters for victims of domestic violence;

23 (3) Distribute funds, within forty-five days after approval, to
24 those shelters meeting departmental standards;

25 (4) Evaluate biennially each shelter receiving departmental funds
26 for compliance with the established minimum standards; (~~and~~)

27 (5) Review the minimum standards each biennium to ensure
28 applicability to community and client needs; and

29 (6) Administer funds available from the domestic violence
30 prevention account under section 2 of this act and establish minimum
31 standards for community-based services receiving funds administered by
32 the department.

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