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By Representatives Ogden, Jacobsen, Basich, Jones, R. Meyers, Kessler and J. Kohl; by request of Secretary of State

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1 AN ACT Relating to maritime historic restoration and preservation;
2 adding a new section to chapter 82.49 RCW; and adding a new chapter to
3 Title 27 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A maritime historic restoration and
6 preservation council is created and shall consist of the following
7 members:

8 (1) Two members of the senate, one from each of the two largest
9 caucuses of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate;

10 (2) Two members of the house of representatives, one from each of
11 the two largest caucuses of the house of representatives, appointed by
12 the speaker of the house of representatives;

13 (3) Four members representing the recreational boating community,
14 appointed by the governor;

15 (4) The secretary of state, who is chair of the council;

16 (5) The state historic preservation officer;

17 (6) The state archivist; and

18 (7) The director of the Washington state historical society.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The maritime historic restoration and
2 preservation council has the following responsibilities:

3 (1) To contract with nonprofit organizations and other agencies of
4 state or local government for the restoration, preservation,
5 replication, and operation of historic marine facilities, vessels,
6 exhibits, displays, locations, and other historic maritime concerns;

7 (2) To provide and support educational programs about historic
8 maritime locations, vessels, activities, and programs;

9 (3) To assist with programs of historical organizations, maritime
10 community museums, and agencies of state and local government involving
11 the display or use of historic maritime programs or activities;

12 (4) To make expenditures from the maritime historic restoration and
13 preservation account for any of the purposes authorized under this
14 section; and

15 (5) To seek federal, state, local, or private moneys to match the
16 funds provided by the council.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Any contract between the maritime historic
18 restoration and preservation council and any nonprofit organization or
19 other agency of state or local government shall expressly state that by
20 providing funds to support the restoration, preservation, replication,
21 or operation of any:

22 (1) Ships, programs, or activities neither the maritime historic
23 restoration and preservation council nor the state of Washington
24 assumes any liability associated with the use of those activities; and

25 (2) Maritime programs, activities, vessels, or other historic
26 marine concerns neither the maritime historic restoration and
27 preservation council nor the state of Washington acquires any title or
28 ownership interest in any of those vessels or programs.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The maritime historic restoration and
30 preservation account is created in the custody of the state treasurer.
31 All receipts from the excise tax surcharges provided under section 5 of
32 this act shall be deposited into this account. Only the chair of the
33 maritime historic restoration and preservation council pursuant to a
34 resolution adopted by a majority of the council may authorize
35 expenditures from this account. The account is subject to allotment
36 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required
37 for expenditures.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** In addition to the excise taxes imposed on
2 watercraft under RCW 82.49.010, the department shall assess an annual
3 surcharge in the amount of one dollar on each vessel registered under
4 this chapter. All surcharges collected under this section shall be
5 deposited in the maritime historic restoration and preservation account
6 created under section 4 of this act.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall
8 constitute a new chapter in Title 27 RCW.

9 (2) Section 5 of this act is added to chapter 82.49 RCW.

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