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1 AN ACT Relating to sales and use taxes for public transportation
2 systems operated by cities; and amending RCW 82.14.045.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.14.045 and 1991 c 363 s 158 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The legislative body of any city pursuant to RCW 35.92.060, of
7 any county which has created an unincorporated transportation benefit
8 area pursuant to RCW 36.57.100 and 36.57.110, of any public
9 transportation benefit area pursuant to RCW 36.57A.080 and 36.57A.090,
10 of any county transportation authority established pursuant to chapter
11 36.57 RCW, and of any metropolitan municipal corporation within a
12 county with a population of one million or more pursuant to chapter
13 35.58 RCW, may, by resolution or ordinance for the sole purpose of
14 providing funds for the operation, maintenance, or capital needs of
15 public transportation systems and in lieu of the excise taxes
16 authorized by RCW 35.95.040, submit an authorizing proposition to the
17 voters or include such authorization in a proposition to perform the
18 function of public transportation and if approved by a majority of
19 persons voting thereon, fix and impose a sales and use tax in

1 accordance with the terms of this chapter: PROVIDED, That no such
2 legislative body shall impose such a sales and use tax without
3 submitting such an authorizing proposition to the voters and obtaining
4 the approval of a majority of persons voting thereon: PROVIDED
5 FURTHER, That where such a proposition is submitted by a county on
6 behalf of an unincorporated transportation benefit area, it shall be
7 voted upon by the voters residing within the boundaries of such
8 unincorporated transportation benefit area and, if approved, the sales
9 and use tax shall be imposed only within such area. Notwithstanding
10 any provisions of this section to the contrary, any county in which a
11 county public transportation plan has been adopted pursuant to RCW
12 36.57.070 and the voters of such county have authorized the imposition
13 of a sales and use tax pursuant to the provisions of section 10,
14 chapter 167, Laws of 1974 ex. sess., prior to July 1, 1975, shall be
15 authorized to fix and impose a sales and use tax as provided in this
16 section at not to exceed the rate so authorized without additional
17 approval of the voters of such county as otherwise required by this
18 section.

19 The tax authorized pursuant to this section shall be in addition to
20 the tax authorized by RCW 82.14.030 and shall be collected from those
21 persons who are taxable by the state pursuant to chapters 82.08 and
22 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within such city,
23 public transportation benefit area, county, or metropolitan municipal
24 corporation as the case may be. The rate of such tax shall be one-
25 tenth, two-tenths, three-tenths, four-tenths, five-tenths, or six-
26 tenths of one percent of the selling price (in the case of a sales tax)
27 or value of the article used (in the case of a use tax). The rate of
28 such tax shall not exceed the rate authorized by the voters unless such
29 increase shall be similarly approved.

30 (2)(a) In the event a metropolitan municipal corporation shall
31 impose a sales and use tax pursuant to this chapter no city, county
32 which has created an unincorporated transportation benefit area, public
33 transportation benefit area authority, or county transportation
34 authority wholly within such metropolitan municipal corporation shall
35 be empowered to levy and/or collect taxes pursuant to RCW 35.58.273,
36 35.95.040, and/or 82.14.045, but nothing herein shall prevent such city
37 or county from imposing sales and use taxes pursuant to any other
38 authorization.

1 (b) In the event a county transportation authority shall impose a
2 sales and use tax pursuant to this section, no city, county which has
3 created an unincorporated transportation benefit area, public
4 transportation benefit area, or metropolitan municipal corporation,
5 located within the territory of the authority, shall be empowered to
6 levy or collect taxes pursuant to RCW 35.58.273, 35.95.040, or
7 82.14.045.

8 (c) In the event a public transportation benefit area shall impose
9 a sales and use tax pursuant to this section, no city, county which has
10 created an unincorporated transportation benefit area, or metropolitan
11 municipal corporation, located wholly or partly within the territory of
12 the public transportation benefit area, shall be empowered to levy or
13 collect taxes pursuant to RCW 35.58.273, 35.95.040, or 82.14.045.

14 (3) Any local sales and use tax revenue collected pursuant to this
15 section by any city or by any county for transportation purposes
16 pursuant to RCW 36.57.100 and 36.57.110 shall not be counted as locally
17 generated tax revenues for the purposes of apportionment and
18 distribution, in the manner prescribed by chapter 82.44 RCW, of the
19 proceeds of the motor vehicle excise tax authorized pursuant to RCW
20 35.58.273. However, local sales and use tax revenue collected under
21 this section by a city that owns and operates a public transportation
22 system and that has, before January 1, 1998, officially supported
23 establishment of a public transportation benefit area within which the
24 system would have been included that was not approved or funded at an
25 election conducted since 1993 for those purposes under chapter 36.57A
26 RCW, will be counted as locally generated tax revenues for the purposes
27 of apportionment and distribution, in the manner prescribed by chapter
28 82.44 RCW, of the proceeds of the motor vehicle excise tax authorized
29 under RCW 35.58.273.

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