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1 AN ACT Relating to special purpose district commissioner per diem
2 compensation; amending RCW 35.61.150, 52.14.010, 53.12.260, 54.12.080,
3 57.12.010, 68.52.220, 70.44.050, 85.05.410, 85.06.380, 85.08.320,
4 85.24.080, 86.09.283, 87.03.460, and 36.57A.050; and adding a new
5 section to chapter 85.38 RCW.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.61.150 and 1965 c 7 s 35.61.150 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 Metropolitan park commissioners shall perform their duties without
10 compensation and may provide, by resolution passed by the
11 commissioners, for the payment of compensation to each of its
12 commissioners at a rate of up to seventy dollars for each day or
13 portion of a day devoted to the business of the district. However, the
14 compensation for each commissioner must not exceed six thousand seven
15 hundred twenty dollars per year.

16 Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her
17 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
18 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the
19 clerk of the board. The waiver, to be effective, must be filed any

1 time after the commissioner's election and prior to the date on which
2 the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify the
3 month or period of months for which it is made.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 52.14.010 and 1994 c 223 s 48 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The affairs of the district shall be managed by a board of fire
7 commissioners composed of three registered voters residing in the
8 district except as provided in RCW 52.14.015 and 52.14.020. Each
9 member shall each receive (~~(fifty)~~) seventy dollars per day or portion
10 thereof, not to exceed (~~(four)~~) six thousand (~~(eight)~~) seven hundred
11 twenty dollars per year, for attendance at board meetings and for
12 performance of other services in behalf of the district.

13 In addition, they shall receive necessary expenses incurred in
14 attending meetings of the board or when otherwise engaged in district
15 business, and shall be entitled to receive the same insurance available
16 to all fire fighters of the district: PROVIDED, That the premiums for
17 such insurance, except liability insurance, shall be paid by the
18 individual commissioners who elect to receive it.

19 Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her
20 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
21 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the
22 secretary as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective,
23 must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to
24 the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver
25 shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

26 The board shall fix the compensation to be paid the secretary and
27 all other agents and employees of the district. The board may, by
28 resolution adopted by unanimous vote, authorize any of its members to
29 serve as volunteer fire fighters without compensation. A commissioner
30 actually serving as a volunteer fire fighter may enjoy the rights and
31 benefits of a volunteer fire fighter.

32 **Sec. 3.** RCW 53.12.260 and 1992 c 146 s 12 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 (1) Each commissioner of a port district shall receive (~~(fifty)~~)
35 seventy dollars per day or portion thereof spent (a) in actual
36 attendance at official meetings of the port district commission, or (b)
37 in performance of other service in behalf of the district. The total

1 per diem compensation of a port commissioner shall not exceed (~~four~~)
2 six thousand (~~eight~~) seven hundred twenty dollars in a year, or
3 (~~six~~) eight thousand four hundred dollars in any year for a port
4 district with gross operating income of twenty-five million or more in
5 the preceding calendar year.

6 (2) Port commissioners shall receive additional compensation as
7 follows: (a) Each commissioner of a port district with gross operating
8 revenues of twenty-five million dollars or more in the preceding
9 calendar year shall receive a salary of five hundred dollars per month;
10 and (b) each commissioner of a port district with gross operating
11 revenues of from one million dollars to less than twenty-five million
12 dollars in the preceding calendar year shall receive a salary of two
13 hundred dollars per month.

14 (3) In lieu of the compensation specified in this section, a port
15 commission may set compensation to be paid to commissioners.

16 (4) For any commissioner who has not elected to become a member of
17 public employees retirement system before May 1, 1975, the compensation
18 provided pursuant to this section shall not be considered salary for
19 purposes of the provisions of any retirement system created pursuant to
20 the general laws of this state nor shall attendance at such meetings or
21 other service on behalf of the district constitute service as defined
22 in RCW 41.40.010(9): PROVIDED, That in the case of a port district
23 when commissioners are receiving compensation and contributing to the
24 public employees retirement system, these benefits shall continue in
25 full force and effect notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 53.12.260
26 and 53.12.265.

27 **Sec. 4.** RCW 54.12.080 and 1997 c 28 s 1 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

29 (1) Commissioners of public utility districts are eligible to
30 receive salaries as follows:

31 (a) Each public utility district commissioner of a district
32 operating utility properties shall receive a salary of one thousand
33 dollars per month during a calendar year if the district received total
34 gross revenue of over fifteen million dollars during the fiscal year
35 ending June 30th before the calendar year. However, the board of
36 commissioners of such a public utility district may pass a resolution
37 increasing the rate of salary up to thirteen hundred dollars per month.

1 (b) Each public utility district commissioner of a district
2 operating utility properties shall receive a salary of seven hundred
3 dollars per month during a calendar year if the district received total
4 gross revenue of from two million dollars to fifteen million dollars
5 during the fiscal year ending June 30th before the calendar year.
6 However, the board of commissioners of such a public utility district
7 may pass a resolution increasing the rate of salary up to nine hundred
8 dollars per month.

9 (c) Commissioners of other districts shall serve without salary.
10 However, the board of commissioners of such a public utility district
11 may pass a resolution providing for salaries not exceeding four hundred
12 dollars per month for each commissioner.

13 (2) In addition to salary, all districts may provide by resolution
14 for the payment of per diem compensation to each commissioner at a rate
15 not exceeding (~~fifty~~) seventy dollars for each day or major part
16 thereof devoted to the business of the district, and days upon which he
17 or she attends meetings of the commission of his or her district or
18 meetings attended by one or more commissioners of two or more districts
19 called to consider business common to them, but such compensation paid
20 during any one year to a commissioner shall not exceed (~~seven~~) nine
21 thousand eight hundred dollars. Per diem compensation shall not be
22 paid for services of a ministerial or professional nature.

23 (3) Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her
24 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
25 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the
26 district as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective,
27 must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to
28 the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver
29 shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

30 (4) Each district commissioner shall be reimbursed for reasonable
31 expenses actually incurred in connection with such business and
32 meetings, including his or her subsistence and lodging and travel while
33 away from his or her place of residence.

34 (5) Any district providing group insurance for its employees,
35 covering them, their immediate family, and dependents, may provide
36 insurance for its commissioner with the same coverage.

37 **Sec. 5.** RCW 57.12.010 and 1996 c 230 s 401 are each amended to
38 read as follows:

1 The governing body of a district shall be a board of commissioners
2 consisting of three members, or five members as provided in RCW
3 57.12.015, or more, as provided in the event of merger or
4 consolidation. The board shall annually elect one of its members as
5 president and another as secretary.

6 The board shall by resolution adopt rules governing the transaction
7 of its business and shall adopt an official seal. All proceedings
8 shall be by resolution recorded in a book kept for that purpose which
9 shall be a public record.

10 A district shall provide by resolution for the payment of
11 compensation to each of its commissioners at a rate of (~~fifty~~)
12 seventy dollars for each day or portion thereof devoted to the business
13 of the district. However the compensation for each commissioner shall
14 not exceed (~~four~~) six thousand (~~eight~~) seven hundred twenty dollars
15 per year. In addition, the secretary may be paid a reasonable sum for
16 clerical services.

17 Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her
18 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
19 during the commissioner's term of office, by a written waiver filed
20 with the district at any time after the commissioner's election and
21 prior to the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid.
22 The waiver shall specify the month or period of months for which it is
23 made.

24 No commissioner shall be employed full time by the district. A
25 commissioner shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses actually
26 incurred in connection with district business, including subsistence
27 and lodging while away from the commissioner's place of residence and
28 mileage for use of a privately-owned vehicle at the mileage rate
29 authorized in RCW 43.03.060.

30 **Sec. 6.** RCW 68.52.220 and 1994 c 223 s 77 are each amended to read
31 as follows:

32 The affairs of the district shall be managed by a board of cemetery
33 district commissioners composed of three members. Members of the board
34 shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall receive
35 expenses necessarily incurred in attending meetings of the board or
36 when otherwise engaged in district business. The board may provide, by
37 resolution passed by the commissioners, for the payment of compensation
38 to each of its commissioners at a rate of up to seventy dollars for

1 each day or portion of a day devoted to the business of the district.
2 However, the compensation for each commissioner must not exceed six
3 thousand seven hundred twenty dollars per year.

4 Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her
5 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
6 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the
7 clerk of the board. The waiver, to be effective, must be filed any
8 time after the commissioner's election and prior to the date on which
9 the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify the
10 month or period of months for which it is made. The board shall fix
11 the compensation to be paid the secretary and other employees of the
12 district. Cemetery district commissioners and candidates for cemetery
13 district commissioner are exempt from the requirements of chapter 42.17
14 RCW.

15 The initial cemetery district commissioners shall assume office
16 immediately upon their election and qualification. Staggering of terms
17 of office shall be accomplished as follows: (1) The person elected
18 receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to a six-year
19 term of office if the election is held in an odd-numbered year or a
20 five-year term of office if the election is held in an even-numbered
21 year; (2) the person who is elected receiving the next greatest number
22 of votes shall be elected to a four-year term of office if the election
23 is held in an odd-numbered year or a three-year term of office if the
24 election is held in an even-numbered year; and (3) the other person who
25 is elected shall be elected to a two-year term of office if the
26 election is held in an odd-numbered year or a one-year term of office
27 if the election is held in an even-numbered year. The initial
28 commissioners shall assume office immediately after they are elected
29 and qualified but their terms of office shall be calculated from the
30 first day of January after the election.

31 Thereafter, commissioners shall be elected to six-year terms of
32 office. Commissioners shall serve until their successors are elected
33 and qualified and assume office as provided in RCW 29.04.170.

34 The polling places for a cemetery district election may be located
35 inside or outside the boundaries of the district, as determined by the
36 auditor of the county in which the cemetery district is located, and no
37 such election shall be held irregular or void on that account.

1 **Sec. 7.** RCW 70.44.050 and 1985 c 330 s 7 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 A district shall provide by resolution for the payment of
4 compensation to each of its commissioners at a rate of (~~(fifty)~~)
5 seventy dollars for each day or portion thereof devoted to the business
6 of the district, and days upon which he or she attends meetings of the
7 commission of his or her own district, or meetings attended by one or
8 more commissioners of two or more districts called to consider business
9 common to them, except that the total compensation paid to such
10 commissioner during any one year shall not exceed (~~(four)~~) six thousand
11 (~~(eight)~~) seven hundred twenty dollars(~~(:—PROVIDED, That)~~). The
12 commissioners may not be compensated for services performed of a
13 ministerial or professional nature.

14 Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her
15 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
16 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the
17 district as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective,
18 must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to
19 the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver
20 shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

21 Any district providing group insurance for its employees, covering
22 them, their immediate family, and dependents, may provide insurance for
23 its commissioners with the same coverage. Each commissioner shall be
24 reimbursed for reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with
25 such business and meetings, including his or her subsistence and
26 lodging and travel while away from his or her place of residence. No
27 resolution shall be adopted without a majority vote of the whole
28 commission. The commission shall organize by election of its own
29 members of a president and secretary, shall by resolution adopt rules
30 governing the transaction of its business and shall adopt an official
31 seal. All proceedings of the commission shall be by motion or
32 resolution recorded in a book or books kept for such purpose, which
33 shall be public records.

34 **Sec. 8.** RCW 85.05.410 and 1991 c 349 s 20 are each amended to read
35 as follows:

36 Members of the board of diking commissioners of any diking district
37 in this state may receive as compensation the sum of up to (~~(fifty)~~)
38 seventy dollars for attendance at official meetings of the district and

1 for each day or major part thereof for all necessary services actually
2 performed in connection with their duties as commissioners, and shall
3 receive the same compensation as other labor of a like character for
4 all other necessary work or services performed in connection with their
5 duties: PROVIDED, That such compensation shall not exceed (~~four~~) six
6 thousand (~~eight~~) seven hundred twenty dollars in one calendar year,
7 except when the commissioners declare an emergency. Allowance of such
8 compensation shall be established and approved at regular meetings of
9 the board, and when a copy of the extracts of minutes of the board
10 meeting relative thereto showing such approval is certified by the
11 secretary of such board and filed with the county auditor, the
12 allowance made shall be paid as are other claims against the district.

13 Each commissioner is entitled to reimbursement for reasonable
14 expenses actually incurred in connection with such business, including
15 subsistence and lodging, while away from the commissioner's place of
16 residence, and mileage for use of a privately owned vehicle in
17 accordance with chapter 42.24 RCW.

18 Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her
19 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
20 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the
21 secretary as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective,
22 must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to
23 the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver
24 shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

25 **Sec. 9.** RCW 85.06.380 and 1991 c 349 s 21 are each amended to read
26 as follows:

27 In performing their duties under the provisions of this title the
28 board and members of the board of drainage commissioners may receive as
29 compensation up to (~~fifty~~) seventy dollars for attendance at official
30 meetings of the district and for each day or major part thereof for all
31 necessary services actually performed in connection with their duties
32 as commissioners: PROVIDED, That such compensation shall not exceed
33 (~~four~~) six thousand (~~eight~~) seven hundred twenty dollars in one
34 calendar year: PROVIDED FURTHER, That such services and compensation
35 are allowed and approved at a regular meeting of the board. Upon the
36 submission of a copy, certified by the secretary, of the extracts of
37 the relevant minutes of the board showing such approval, to the county
38 auditor, the same shall be paid as other claims against the district

1 are paid. Each commissioner is entitled to reimbursement for
2 reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with such business,
3 including subsistence and lodging, while away from the commissioner's
4 place of residence and mileage for use of a privately-owned vehicle in
5 accordance with chapter 42.24 RCW.

6 Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her
7 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
8 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the
9 secretary as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective,
10 must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to
11 the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver
12 shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

13 **Sec. 10.** RCW 85.08.320 and 1991 c 349 s 22 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 The compensation of the superintendent of construction, the board
16 of appraisers hereinafter provided for, and any special engineer,
17 attorney or agent employed by the district in connection with the
18 improvement, the maximum wages to be paid, and the maximum price of
19 materials to be used, shall be fixed by the district board of
20 supervisors. Members of the board of supervisors may receive
21 compensation up to (~~fifty~~) seventy dollars for attending each
22 official meeting of the district and for each day or major part thereof
23 for all necessary services actually performed in connection with their
24 duties as supervisors: PROVIDED, That such compensation shall not
25 exceed (~~four~~) six thousand (~~eight~~) seven hundred twenty dollars in
26 one calendar year. Each supervisor shall be entitled to reimbursement
27 for reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with business,
28 including subsistence and lodging while away from the supervisor's
29 place of residence and mileage for use of a privately owned vehicle in
30 accordance with chapter 42.24 RCW. All costs of construction or
31 maintenance done under the direction of the board of supervisors shall
32 be paid upon vouchers or payrolls verified by two of the said
33 supervisors. All costs of construction and all other expenses, fees
34 and charges on account of such improvement shall be paid by warrants
35 drawn by the county auditor upon the county treasurer upon the proper
36 fund, and shall draw interest at a rate determined by the county
37 legislative authority until paid or called by the county treasurer as
38 warrants of the county are called.

1 Any supervisor may waive all or any portion of his or her
2 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
3 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the
4 secretary as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective,
5 must be filed any time after the supervisor's election and prior to the
6 date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver
7 shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

8 **Sec. 11.** RCW 85.24.080 and 1991 c 349 s 23 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 The members of the board may receive as compensation up to
11 ~~((fifty))~~ seventy dollars for attendance at official meetings of the
12 district and for each day or major part thereof for all necessary
13 services actually performed in connection with their duties as
14 commissioners: PROVIDED, That such compensation shall not exceed
15 ~~((four))~~ six thousand ~~((eight))~~ seven hundred twenty dollars in one
16 calendar year: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the board may fix a different
17 salary for the secretary thereof in lieu of the per diem. Each
18 commissioner is entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses
19 actually incurred in connection with such business, including
20 subsistence and lodging, while away from the commissioner's place of
21 residence, and mileage for use of a privately owned vehicle in
22 accordance with chapter 42.24 RCW. The salary and expenses shall be
23 paid by the treasurer of the fund, upon orders made by the board. Each
24 member of the board must before being paid for expenses, take vouchers
25 therefore from the person or persons to whom the particular amount was
26 paid, and must also make affidavit that the amounts were necessarily
27 incurred and expended in the performance of his or her duties.

28 Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her
29 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
30 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the
31 secretary as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective,
32 must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to
33 the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver
34 shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 85.38 RCW
36 to read as follows:

1 The members of the governing body may each receive up to seventy
2 dollars for attendance at official meetings of the governing body and
3 for each day or major part thereof for all necessary services actually
4 performed in connection with their duties as a member. The governing
5 body shall fix the compensation to be paid to the members, secretary,
6 and all other agents and employees of the district. Compensation for
7 the members shall not exceed six thousand seven hundred twenty dollars
8 in one calendar year. A member is entitled to reimbursement for
9 reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with such business,
10 including subsistence and lodging, while away from the member's place
11 of residence, and mileage for use of a privately owned vehicle in
12 accordance with chapter 42.24 RCW.

13 Any member may waive all or any portion of his or her compensation
14 payable under this section as to any month or months during his or her
15 term of office, by a written waiver filed with the secretary as
16 provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective, must be filed
17 any time after the member's election and prior to the date on which the
18 compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify the
19 month or period of months for which it is made.

20 **Sec. 13.** RCW 86.09.283 and 1991 c 349 s 24 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 The board of directors may each receive up to ~~((fifty))~~ seventy
23 dollars for attendance at official meetings of the board and for each
24 day or major part thereof for all necessary services actually performed
25 in connection with their duties as director. The board shall fix the
26 compensation to be paid to the directors, secretary, and all other
27 agents and employees of the district. Compensation for the directors
28 shall not exceed ~~((four))~~ six thousand ~~((eight))~~ seven hundred twenty
29 dollars in one calendar year. A director is entitled to reimbursement
30 for reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with such
31 business, including subsistence and lodging, while away from the
32 director's place of residence, and mileage for use of a privately owned
33 vehicle in accordance with chapter 42.24 RCW.

34 Any director may waive all or any portion of his or her
35 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
36 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the
37 secretary as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective,
38 must be filed any time after the director's election and prior to the

1 date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver
2 shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

3 **Sec. 14.** RCW 87.03.460 and 1990 c 38 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 In addition to their reasonable expenses in accordance with chapter
6 42.24 RCW, the directors shall each receive an amount for attending
7 meetings and while performing other services for the district. The
8 amount shall be fixed by resolution and entered in the minutes of the
9 proceedings of the board. It shall not exceed (~~fifty~~) seventy
10 dollars for each day or portion thereof spent by a director for such
11 attendance or performance. The total amount of such additional
12 compensation received by a director may not exceed (~~four~~) six
13 thousand (~~eight~~) seven hundred twenty dollars in a calendar year.
14 The board shall fix the compensation of the secretary and all other
15 employees.

16 Any director may waive all or any portion of his or her
17 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
18 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the
19 secretary as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective,
20 must be filed any time after the director's election and prior to the
21 date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver
22 shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

23 **Sec. 15.** RCW 36.57A.050 and 1983 c 65 s 3 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 Within sixty days of the establishment of the boundaries of the
26 public transportation benefit area the members of the county
27 legislative authority and the elected representative of each city
28 within the area shall provide for the selection of the governing body
29 of such area, the public transportation benefit area authority, which
30 shall consist of elected officials selected by and serving at the
31 pleasure of the governing bodies of component cities within the area
32 and the county legislative authority of each county within the area.
33 If at the time a public transportation benefit area authority assumes
34 the public transportation functions previously provided under the
35 Interlocal Cooperation Act (chapter 39.34 RCW) there are citizen
36 positions on the governing board of the transit system, those positions

1 may be retained as positions on the governing board of the public
2 transportation benefit area authority.

3 Within such sixty-day period, any city may by resolution of its
4 legislative body withdraw from participation in the public
5 transportation benefit area. The county legislative authority and each
6 city remaining in the public transportation benefit area may disapprove
7 and prevent the establishment of any governing body of a public
8 transportation benefit area if the composition thereof does not meet
9 its approval.

10 In no case shall the governing body of a single county public
11 transportation benefit area be greater than nine members and in the
12 case of a multicounty area, fifteen members. Those cities within the
13 transportation benefit area and excluded from direct membership on the
14 authority are hereby authorized to designate a member of the authority
15 who shall be entitled to represent the interests of such city which is
16 excluded from direct membership on the authority. The legislative body
17 of such city shall notify the authority as to the determination of its
18 authorized representative on the authority.

19 Each member of the authority is eligible to be reimbursed for
20 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 and to
21 receive compensation, as set by the authority, in an amount not to
22 exceed forty-four dollars for each day during which the member attends
23 official meetings of the authority or performs prescribed duties
24 approved by the chairman of the authority. Except that the authority
25 may, by resolution, increase the payment of per diem compensation to
26 each member from forty-four dollars up to seventy dollars per day or
27 portion of a day for attendance at board meetings and for performance
28 of other services on behalf of the authority. In no event may a member
29 be compensated in any year for more than seventy-five days, except the
30 chairman who may be paid compensation for not more than one hundred
31 days: PROVIDED, That compensation shall not be paid to an elected
32 official or employee of federal, state, or local government who is
33 receiving regular full-time compensation from such government for
34 attending meetings and performing prescribed duties of the authority.

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