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1 AN ACT Relating to transportation funding; adding a new section to
2 chapter 46.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.14 RCW; adding a
3 new section to chapter 43.43 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) In addition to all other license fees, passenger cars, travel
8 trailers, and motor homes are assessed a roadway improvement fee of one
9 and one-half cents per vehicle pound based on the vehicle curb weight.
10 In addition, vehicles licensed under RCW 46.16.070 weighing less than
11 ten thousand pounds are assessed a roadway improvement fee of one and
12 one-half cents per pound based on the vehicle curb weight.

13 (2) The department shall collect the fee annually. The department
14 shall rely on vehicle curb weights as provided by vehicle manufacturers
15 to determine the weight of each vehicle type. The department shall
16 adopt rules to handle vehicles without manufacturer curb weights, such
17 as home-built vehicles.

18 (3) The revenue must be deposited into the motor vehicle account.
19 Two-thirds of the revenue will be used by the state exclusively for

1 highway improvement projects. The remainder will be divided equally
2 between counties and cities and distributed monthly to counties and
3 cities by the state treasurer. A particular county's distribution will
4 be based on the number of vehicles registered in that county as a
5 percentage of the state's total registrations, and a particular city's
6 distribution will be based on its population as a percentage of the
7 state's total population living within incorporated areas.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.14 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 Each authorized vehicle insurer shall, on the first day of March of
11 each year, pay to the state treasurer through the commissioner's office
12 a transportation enforcement fee. The fee will be two dollars per
13 vehicle policy and must be included in the premiums for all motor
14 vehicle insurance policies and will be deposited into the
15 transportation enforcement account.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 The transportation enforcement account is created in the custody of
19 the state treasurer. All receipts from section 2 of this act must be
20 deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only
21 after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only
22 for enforcement activities related to fuel tax evasion, auto theft, and
23 vehicular crime investigations by the Washington state patrol.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act takes effect August 1, 2003.

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