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1 AN ACT Relating to maintenance and repair of minor league baseball
2 facilities; amending RCW 67.70.240; adding a new section to chapter
3 67.70 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.14 RCW; adding a new
4 section to chapter 35.21 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that minor league
7 baseball is a wholesome, affordable family-oriented activity that has
8 a rich history in the state of Washington. The legislature desires to
9 provide local governments with assistance to ensure that this important
10 pastime remains available to Washington citizens.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 67.70 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 (1) The minor league baseball account is created in the state
14 treasury. During each fiscal year the state treasurer shall deposit in
15 the minor league baseball account all receipts from the state lottery
16 designated for this account under RCW 67.70.240. Money in the minor
17 league baseball account shall be distributed annually to a governmental
18 agency responsible for the operation of a minor league baseball stadium

1 as defined under subsection (2) of this section. Money shall be
2 distributed on a per capita basis based on the population of the city
3 in which the minor league baseball stadium is located as determined by
4 the office of financial management on the effective date of this act.
5 Money distributed from the minor league baseball account shall be used
6 solely for the purpose of paying for the operation, maintenance,
7 repair, rehabilitation, financing, equipping, and reequipping of a
8 minor league baseball stadium and associated parking facilities.

9 (2) "Minor league baseball stadium" is any public facility existing
10 and in use on the effective date of this act in which a minor league
11 baseball team affiliated with a major league baseball club has operated
12 for at least a portion of the previous two years.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 67.70.240 and 2001 c 3 s 4 are each amended to read as
14 follows:

15 The moneys in the state lottery account shall be used only:

16 (1) For the payment of prizes to the holders of winning lottery
17 tickets or shares;

18 (2) For purposes of making deposits into the reserve account
19 created by RCW 67.70.250 and into the lottery administrative account
20 created by RCW 67.70.260;

21 (3) For purposes of making deposits into the education construction
22 fund and student achievement fund created in RCW 43.135.045. For the
23 transition period from July 1, 2001, until and including June 30, 2002,
24 fifty percent of the moneys not otherwise obligated under this section
25 shall be placed in the student achievement fund and fifty percent of
26 these moneys shall be placed in the education construction fund. On
27 and after July 1, 2002, until June 30, 2004, seventy-five percent of
28 these moneys shall be placed in the student achievement fund and
29 twenty-five percent shall be placed in the education construction fund.
30 On and after July 1, 2004, all deposits not otherwise obligated under
31 this section shall be placed in the education construction fund.
32 Moneys in the state lottery account deposited in the education
33 construction fund and the student achievement fund are included in
34 "general state revenues" under RCW 39.42.070;

35 (4) For distribution to a county for the purpose of paying the
36 principal and interest payments on bonds issued by the county to
37 construct a baseball stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including

1 reasonably necessary preconstruction costs. Three million dollars
2 shall be distributed under this subsection during calendar year 1996.
3 During subsequent years, such distributions shall equal the prior
4 year's distributions increased by four percent. Distributions under
5 this subsection shall cease when the bonds issued for the construction
6 of the baseball stadium are retired, but not more than twenty years
7 after the tax under RCW 82.14.0485 is first imposed;

8 (5) For distribution to the stadium and exhibition center account,
9 created in RCW 43.99N.060. Subject to the conditions of RCW
10 43.99N.070, six million dollars shall be distributed under this
11 subsection during the calendar year 1998. During subsequent years,
12 such distribution shall equal the prior year's distributions increased
13 by four percent. No distribution may be made under this subsection
14 after December 31, 1999, unless the conditions for issuance of the
15 bonds under RCW 43.99N.020(2) are met. Distributions under this
16 subsection shall cease when the bonds are retired, but not later than
17 December 31, 2020;

18 (6) For distribution to the minor league baseball account created
19 in section 2 of this act. Three million dollars shall be distributed
20 under this subsection during the calendar year 2006. During subsequent
21 years, the distribution shall equal the prior year's distributions
22 increased by four percent. Distributions under this subsection shall
23 cease at the latter of: The date when distributions cease under
24 subsection (4) of this section or fifteen years from the effective date
25 of this act.

26 (7) For the purchase and promotion of lottery games and game-
27 related services; and

28 ~~((+7))~~ (8) For the payment of agent compensation.

29 The office of financial management shall require the allotment of
30 all expenses paid from the account and shall report to the ways and
31 means committees of the senate and house of representatives any changes
32 in the allotments.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 82.14 RCW
34 to read as follows:

35 (1) The legislative authority of a county in which a minor league
36 baseball team plays in an existing minor league baseball stadium may
37 impose a special stadium sales and use tax upon retail car rentals

1 within the county that are taxable by the state under chapters 82.08
2 and 82.12 RCW. The rate of the tax shall not exceed two percent of the
3 selling price in the case of a sales tax, or rental value of the
4 vehicle in the case of a use tax. The tax imposed under this section
5 is in addition to any other taxes authorized by law and shall not be
6 credited against any other tax imposed upon the same taxable event.
7 The revenue generated by the tax imposed in this section shall be used
8 solely for the purpose of paying for the operation, maintenance,
9 repair, rehabilitation, financing, equipping, and reequipping of a
10 minor league baseball stadium and associated parking facilities.

11 (2) "Minor league baseball stadium" has the same meaning as
12 provided in section 2 of this act.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) The legislative authority of a city or town in which a minor
16 league baseball team plays in an existing minor league baseball stadium
17 may impose a tax of up to one cent on twenty cents or fraction thereof
18 to be paid by the person who pays an admission charge to the events in
19 the minor league baseball stadium. The tax authorized in this section
20 may also be imposed on any parking charges or fees imposed in parking
21 facilities associated with the minor league baseball stadium. The
22 revenue generated by the tax imposed in this section shall be used
23 solely for the purpose of paying for the operation, maintenance,
24 repair, rehabilitation, financing, equipping, and reequipping of a
25 minor league baseball stadium and associated parking facilities. The
26 tax authorized in this section is in addition to any other taxes on
27 admission levied by the city.

28 (2) "Minor league baseball stadium" has the same meaning as
29 provided in section 2 of this act.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** If any provision of this act or its
31 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
32 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
33 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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