
HOUSE BILL 1871

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1 AN ACT Relating to transportation funding; adding a new section to
2 chapter 46.16 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

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

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

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

1 (3) Two-thirds of the revenue will be used by the state exclusively
2 for transportation purposes. Ninety percent of the state's share of
3 the revenue must be deposited into the state's motor vehicle account to
4 be used for highway purposes. Ten percent of the revenue must be
5 deposited into the state's multimodal transportation account to be used
6 for multimodal transportation capital purposes. The remainder will be
7 divided equally between counties and cities for transportation needs
8 and distributed monthly by the state treasurer. A particular county's
9 distribution will be based on the number of vehicles registered in that
10 county as a percentage of the state's total registrations, and a
11 particular city's distribution will be based on its population as a
12 percentage of the state's total population living within incorporated
13 areas.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act applies to vehicle registrations
15 due or to become due on April 1, 2007, and thereafter.

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