
SENATE BILL 6726

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By Senator Haugen

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1 AN ACT Relating to transportation safety improvement funding;
2 adding a new section to chapter 48.14 RCW; and providing an effective
3 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 48.14 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Each insurer engaged in writing automobile policies shall, on
8 or before April 15th of each year, pay to the state treasurer through
9 the commissioner's office a transportation enforcement fee. The fee
10 shall be one dollar per vehicle and must be included in the premiums
11 for all motor vehicle insurance policies. Two-thirds of the money
12 shall be deposited into the state patrol highway account created in RCW
13 46.68.030 to be used for additional emphasis patrols in
14 high-accident-corridor locations on state routes; and the remainder
15 shall be deposited into the highway safety fund created in RCW
16 46.68.060 to be used to create a county road high-accident-corridor
17 emphasis patrol program. The program shall be administered by the
18 Washington state traffic safety commission. County law enforcement may
19 apply to the commission for emphasis patrols on specific

1 high-accident-corridors within their county. The commission shall
2 determine what criteria to use in awarding these emphasis patrols. The
3 emphasis patrols shall be performed by the Washington state patrol at
4 no cost to the county. For purposes of this section,
5 high-accident-corridor means a highway corridor of one mile or more
6 where a five-year analysis of collision history indicates that the
7 section has higher than average collision and severity factors.

8 (2) The commissioner shall annually, on or before April 1st,
9 calculate and bill each organization for the amount of the fee. Fees
10 shall be due and payable no later than April 15th of each year. The
11 penalties for failure to pay fees when due shall be the same as the
12 penalties for failure to pay taxes pursuant to RCW 48.14.060. The fees
13 required by this section are in addition to all other taxes and fees
14 now imposed or that may be subsequently imposed.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect August 1, 2006.

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