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1 AN ACT Relating to providing funds for disabled veterans through
2 voluntary donations; adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 43.60A RCW.

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) The department shall provide an opportunity for the owners of
8 vehicles registered under RCW 46.16.0621 and vehicles licensed under
9 RCW 46.16.070 with a declared gross weight of ten thousand pounds or
10 less to make a voluntary donation of five dollars at the time of
11 initial or renewal registration. Receipts from voluntary donations
12 under this section must be deposited in the disabled veterans
13 assistance account created in section 2 of this act.

14 (2) This section applies to registrations due or to become due on
15 or after January 1, 2010.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.60A RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 (1) The disabled veterans assistance account is created in the

1 custody of the state treasurer. Disbursements of funds must be on the
2 authorization of the director or the director's designee, and only for
3 the purposes stated in subsection (4) of this section. In order to
4 maintain an effective expenditure and revenue control, funds are
5 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is
6 not required to permit the expenditure of the funds.

7 (2) The department may request and accept nondedicated
8 contributions, grants, or gifts in cash or otherwise, including funds
9 generated by voluntary donations under section 1 of this act.

10 (3) All receipts from voluntary donations under section 1 of this
11 act must be deposited into the account.

12 (4) All moneys deposited into the account must be used by the
13 department for activities that benefit veterans including, but not
14 limited to, providing programs and services that assist veterans with
15 the procurement of durable medical equipment, mobility enhancing
16 equipment, emergency home or vehicle repair, or emergency food or
17 emergency shelter. The first priority for assistance provided through
18 the account must be given to veterans who are experiencing a financial
19 hardship and do not qualify for other federal or state veterans
20 programs and services. Funds from the account may not be used to
21 supplant existing funds received by the department.

22 (5) For the purposes of this section, "veteran" has the same
23 meaning as in RCW 41.04.005 and 41.04.007, and also means an actively
24 serving member of the national guard or reserves, or is active duty
25 military personnel.

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