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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 new sections 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 43.60A RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 Any retailer in the state may provide an opportunity for patrons to  
8 make voluntary donations to the disabled veterans assistance account  
9 created in section 2 of this act on Veterans' Day and any additional  
10 days the retailer decides would be appropriate.

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

13 (1) The disabled veterans assistance account is created in the  
14 custody of the state treasurer. Disbursements of funds must be on the  
15 authorization of the director or the director's designee, and only for  
16 the purposes stated in subsection (4) of this section. In order to  
17 maintain an effective expenditure and revenue control, funds are

1 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is  
2 not required to permit the expenditure of the funds.

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

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

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

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

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