

SENATE BILL 6435

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By Senators Stevens and Ericksen

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1 AN ACT Relating to prioritizing existing funding for special safety
2 corridor projects; amending RCW 46.17.200; adding a new section to
3 chapter 46.68 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.17.200 and 2011 c 171 s 56 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) In addition to all other fees and taxes required by law, the
8 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the
9 director shall charge:

10 (a) The following license plate fees for each license plate, unless
11 the owner or type of vehicle is exempt from payment:

12	FEE TYPE	FEE	DISTRIBUTION
13	Reflectivity	\$ 2.00	RCW 46.68.070
14	Replacement	\$ 10.00	((RCW 46.68.070))
15			<u>Subsection (3) of</u>
16			<u>this section</u>

1	Replacement,	\$2.00	RCW 46.68.070
2	motorcycle		
3	Original issue, moped	\$1.50	RCW 46.68.070

4 (b) A license plate retention fee, as required under RCW
5 46.16A.200(10)(~~(a)(iii)~~) (c), of twenty dollars if the owner wishes
6 to retain the current license plate number upon license plate
7 replacement, unless the owner or type of vehicle is exempt from
8 payment. The twenty dollar fee must be deposited in the multimodal
9 transportation account created in RCW 47.66.070.

10 (c) A ten dollar license plate transfer fee, as required under RCW
11 46.16A.200(8)(a), when transferring standard issue license plates from
12 one vehicle to another, unless the owner or type of vehicle is exempt
13 from payment. The ten dollar license plate transfer fee must be
14 deposited in the motor vehicle fund created in RCW 46.68.070.

15 (d) Former prisoner of war license plates, as described in RCW
16 46.18.235, may be transferred to a replacement vehicle upon payment of
17 a five dollar license plate fee, in addition to any other fee required
18 by law.

19 (2) The department may, upon request, provide license plates that
20 have been used and returned to the department to individuals for
21 nonvehicular use. The department may charge a fee of up to five
22 dollars per license plate to cover costs or recovery for postage and
23 handling. The department may waive the fee for license plates used in
24 educational projects and may, by rule, provide standards for the fee
25 waiver and restrictions on the number of license plates provided to any
26 one person. The fee must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund
27 created in RCW 46.68.070.

28 (3) The license plate replacement fee under subsection (1)(a) of
29 this section must be deposited as follows:

- 30 (a) Seven dollars per license plate in the motor vehicle fund; and
- 31 (b) Three dollars per license plate in the special safety corridor
32 account created in section 2 of this act.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 46.68 RCW
34 to read as follows:

35 (1) The special safety corridor account is created in the motor
36 vehicle fund. All receipts from the fee imposed under RCW

1 46.17.200(1)(a) for replacement license plates, as distributed under
2 RCW 46.17.200(3), must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the
3 account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the
4 account may be used for special safety corridor projects. Special
5 safety corridor projects are projects that may require bond financing
6 to complete construction and safety improvements. The following
7 criteria must be used in determining which special safety corridor
8 projects have the highest priority:

- 9 (a) Fatal accident experience;
- 10 (b) Historic underfunding of safety improvements;
- 11 (c) Ability to leverage additional nonstate revenue sources;
- 12 (d) Contribute to the economic development of the corridor; and
- 13 (e) Provide additional capacity to move people and goods safely.

14 (2) The following projects, listed in order of priority, are
15 eligible for special safety corridor account funding:

- 16 (a) State route number 2 beginning near the junction with state
17 route number 9 at milepost 5 to the King county line at Stevens Pass
18 near milepost 64;
- 19 (b) State route number 97 beginning at milepost 0 to milepost 63;
- 20 and
- 21 (c) State route number 20 beginning near Sedro Woolley at milepost
22 64 to near Newport at milepost 436.

23 Moneys deposited in the special safety corridor account may be used
24 for payment of debt service on bonds the proceeds of which are used to
25 finance special safety corridor projects under this section.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
28 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
29 immediately.

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