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1 AN ACT Relating to a tax levied and collected on the retail sale
2 of wireless devices used to access the internet; adding a new chapter
3 to Title 82 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the
6 internet crimes against children task force program, through the
7 United States department of justice, helps state and local law
8 enforcement agencies develop an effective response to technology-
9 facilitated child sexual exploitation and internet crimes against
10 children. This help encompasses forensic and investigative
11 components, training and technical assistance, victim services, and
12 community education. The program is a national network of sixty-one
13 coordinated task forces representing over three thousand five hundred
14 federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies.

15 (2) The legislature created the Washington internet crimes
16 against children account in 2015 to support the Washington internet
17 crimes against children task force. The account is dedicated to
18 combat internet-facilitated crimes against children, promote
19 education on internet safety to the public and to minors, and rescue
20 children victims from abuse and exploitation.

1 (3) The legislature finds that perpetrators use wireless devices
2 used to access the internet to commit internet crimes against
3 children. It is the intent of the legislature to collect a forty cent
4 tax on each retail sale of wireless devices used to access the
5 internet and dedicate the revenue to the Washington internet crimes
6 against children account.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) There is levied and collected a tax
8 equal to forty cents on each retail sale in this state of wireless
9 devices used to access the internet.

10 (2) The revenue collected under this section must be deposited in
11 the Washington internet crimes against children account.

12 (3) "Wireless devices used to access the internet" include
13 smartphones, laptops, tablets, and other devices used to access the
14 internet.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this act constitutes a new
16 chapter in Title 82 RCW.

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