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- Text that is surrounded by (~~{- text here -}~~) is text that will be DELETED FROM the existing statute if the proposed measure is approved.
- Text that is surrounded by {+ text here +} is text that will be ADDED TO the existing statute if the proposed measure is approved.
- {+ NEW SECTION+} (found at the beginning of a section or paragraph) indicates that ALL of the text in that section will become law if the proposed measure is approved.

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INITIATIVE 684

AN ACT Relating to the department of fish and wildlife; amending RCW 82.08.020 and 82.12.020; adding a new section to chapter 75.08 RCW; and creating a new section.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Sec. 1. RCW 82.08.020 and 1992 c 194 s 9 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) There is levied and there shall be collected a tax on each retail sale in this state equal to six and five-tenths percent of the selling price.

(2) There is levied and there shall be collected an additional tax on each retail car rental, regardless of whether the vehicle is licensed in this state, equal to five and nine-tenths percent of the selling price. Ninety-one percent of the revenue collected under this subsection shall be deposited and distributed in the same manner as motor vehicle excise tax revenue collected under RCW 82.44.020(1). Nine percent of the revenue collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the transportation fund and distributed in the same manner as motor vehicle excise tax revenue collected under RCW 82.44.020(2).

(3) {+ There is levied and there shall be collected an additional tax on each retail sale in this state equal to one-half of one percent of the selling price. The revenue collected under this subsection must be deposited and distributed in the fish and wildlife recreation and enhancement account created under section 3 of this act.

(4) +} The taxes imposed under this chapter shall apply to successive retail sales of the same property.

(~~{- (4) -}~~) {+ (5) +} The rates provided in this section apply to taxes imposed under chapter 82.12 RCW as provided in RCW 82.12.020.

Sec. 2. RCW 82.12.020 and 1996 c 148 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) There is hereby levied and there shall be collected from every person in this state a tax or excise for the privilege of using within this state as a consumer any article of tangible personal property purchased at retail, or acquired by lease, gift, repossession, or bailment, or extracted or produced or manufactured by the person so

using the same, or otherwise furnished to a person engaged in any business taxable under RCW 82.04.280 (2) or (7), or any amusement or recreation service defined as a retail sale in RCW 82.04.050(3)(a).

(2) This tax shall apply to the use of every service defined as a retail sale in RCW 82.04.050(3)(a) and the use of every article of tangible personal property, including property acquired at a casual or isolated sale, and including byproducts used by the manufacturer thereof, except as hereinafter provided, irrespective of whether the article or similar articles are manufactured or are available for purchase within this state.

(3) Except as provided in RCW 82.12.0252, payment by one purchaser or user of tangible personal property or service of the tax imposed by chapter 82.08 or 82.12 RCW shall not have the effect of exempting any other purchaser or user of the same property or service from the taxes imposed by such chapters.

(4) The tax shall be levied and collected in an amount equal to the value of the article used by the taxpayer multiplied by the rate in effect for the retail sales tax under RCW 82.08.020.

{+ (5) The moneys collected under this section attributable to the amount equal to the value of the article used by the taxpayer multiplied by the rate in effect for the retail sales tax under RCW 82.08.020(3) must be deposited in the fish and wildlife recreation and enhancement account created under section 3 of this act. +}

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 75.08 RCW to read as follows:

The fish and wildlife recreation and enhancement account is created in the state treasury. All receipts from RCW 82.08.020(3) and 82.12.020(5) must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. The commission shall manage, maintain, and disperse the moneys in the account for the betterment of all fish and wildlife by using the moneys for only the following purposes:

(1) Financial and technical aid for schools and small communities undertaking projects beneficial to fish and wildlife;

(2) Employment of additional agents with collateral duties to speak at schools and public functions to help educate them on the benefits of these natural resources and why they need protection for the future;

(3) Aid for individuals or parties who undertake feeding or creating winter feeding areas for wildlife;

(4) The purchase, lease, or rental of needed fish and wildlife habitat and facilities;

(5) Construction, operation, and maintenance of needed pheasant farms, fish hatcheries, and wildlife feeding stations to enhance the output of recreation;

(6) Construction and maintenance of wildlife viewing areas, access trails, boat ramps, and accesses to rivers and streams; and

(7) Aid and assistance in cleaning up streams in which the end result will better enhance the habitat for fish, birds, and other wildlife.

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Sec. 4. This act shall only be repealed or modified by a vote of the people.

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