NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 89

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 5858]
MOBILE HOMES—RETAIL SALES TAX COLLECTION

AN ACT Relating to the collection of retail sales tax on the sale of mobile homes by mobile home dealers or selling agents; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; prescribing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 82.08 RCW to read as follows:

In the collection of the sales tax on mobile homes, the department of revenue may designate the county auditors of the several counties of the state as its collecting agents. Upon such designation, it shall be the duty of each county auditor to collect the tax at the time the mobile home dealer or selling agent applies for a new certificate of ownership for such mobile home in the instance where transfer of ownership was from a mobile home dealer or person deemed a selling agent under RCW 82.04.480, except where the applicant presents a written statement signed by the department of revenue or its duly authorized agent showing that no retail sales tax or use tax is legally due. The term "mobile home" as used in this section means a mobile home as defined in RCW 46.04.302. It shall be the duty of every mobile home dealer or selling agent to declare upon the application for a new certificate of ownership the selling price paid for the mobile home. Any person wilfully misrepresenting, or failing or refusing to declare upon the application, such selling price shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Each county auditor who acts as agent of the department of revenue shall at the time of remitting license fee receipts on motor vehicles subject to the provisions of RCW 82.12.045 pay over and account to the state treasurer for all sales tax revenue collected under this section, after first deducting as his or her collection fee the sum of two dollars for each mobile home upon which the tax has been collected.

Any applicant who has paid sales tax to a county auditor under this section may apply to the department of revenue for refund thereof if he has reason to believe that such tax was not legally due and owing. No refund is allowed unless application therefor is received by the department of revenue
within four years after payment of the tax. Upon receipt of an application for refund the department of revenue shall consider the same and issue its order either granting or denying it and if refund is denied the taxpayer shall have the right of appeal as provided in RCW 82.32.170, 82.32.180, and 82.32.190.

The provisions of this section shall be construed as cumulative of other methods prescribed in chapters 82.04 to 82.32 RCW, inclusive, for the collection of the tax imposed by this chapter. The department of revenue shall have power to adopt such rules as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this section. Any duties required by this section to be performed by the county auditor may be performed by the director of licensing but no collection fee shall be deductible by the director of licensing in remitting sales tax revenue to the state treasurer.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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