

## CHAPTER 260.

[ S. B. 317. ]

## MOTOR VEHICLE FUNDS.

AN ACT relating to the motor vehicle fund; providing for payments and allocations therefrom; and amending section 5, chapter 181, Laws of 1939, as amended by section 3, chapter 83, Laws of 1943 (section 6600-2A, Rem. Supp. 1943, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 614h-9); describing the duties of the Director of Highways and making an appropriation; and declaring that this act shall take effect April 1, 1945.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5, chapter 181, Laws of 1939, as amended by section 3, chapter 83, Laws of 1943 (section 6600-2A, Rem. Supp. 1943, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 614h-9), is amended to read as follows:

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ments.

Section 5. Funds to be paid to the counties of the State of Washington as set forth in subsection, (b) of section 3 above, shall be subject to deduction and distribution as follows:

(a) The sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per month to be deducted monthly as such sums accrue and set aside for the use of the Director of Highways for the supervision of work and expenditures of such counties on the county roads thereof: *Provided*, That for the biennium there is hereby appropriated from the General Fund the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) which shall be paid to the Director of Highways to be distributed to the various counties of the state by the Director of Highways on the basis of their need for additional funds: *Provided further*, That the aforesaid sum shall be deducted from any fund that may be established for post-war county highway purposes;

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(b) Payment of all sums required to be repaid to counties composed entirely of islands in the manner provided by law;

(c) The balance remaining to be paid to counties after such deductions shall be paid to the several counties in the following percentages, such payment to be made monthly as such funds accrue:

Adams 1.50, Asotin .65, Benton 1.97, Chelan 2.18, Clallam 2.53, Clark 4.23, Columbia .96, Cowlitz 3.31, Douglas 1.54, Ferry .87, Franklin 1.06, Garfield .96, Grant 1.30, Grays Harbor 3.46, Island 1.08, Jefferson .90, King 10.92, Kitsap 2.36, Kittitas 2.01, Klickitat 1.61, Lewis 3.82, Lincoln 1.54, Mason 1.22, Okanogan 2.21, Pacific 1.59, Pend Oreille 1.19, Pierce 5.93, San Juan .66, Skagit 4.27, Skamania 1.01, Snohomish 5.08, Spokane 6.03, Stevens 1.72, Thurston 2.73, Wahkiakum .75, Walla Walla 1.76, Whatcom 4.07, Whitman 3.79, Yakima 5.23: *Provided, however,* Beginning April 1, 1946, the balance remaining to be paid after such deductions shall be paid to the several counties monthly, as such funds accrue, based upon the following formula:

(d) Ten per cent (10%) of said sum shall be divided equally among the several counties;

(e) Seventy per cent (70%) of said sum shall be paid to each of the several counties, after adjustment for cost variance as provided in subsection (g) hereof, in the direct proportion that the county trunk highway mileage of each county shall bear to the county trunk highway mileage of all counties in the state. County trunk highways shall mean county roads regularly used by school buses and/or rural mail carriers;

Determination of the number of miles of county roads used in each county by school buses shall be based solely upon information supplied by the state Superintendent of Public Instruction, who shall, on January 1st of each even-numbered year, furnish the Director of Highways with a map of each county upon which is indicated the county roads used by school buses during the preceding school year, together with a detailed statement showing the total

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number of miles of county highway over which school buses operated in each county during said year. Determination of the number of miles of county roads used in each county by rural mail carriers during said year shall be based solely upon information supplied by the U. S. Postal Department;

(f) Twenty per cent (20%) of said sum shall be paid to each of the several counties, after adjustment for cost variance as provided in subsection (g) hereof, in the direct proportion that the number of private automobiles and trucks licensed by registered owners residing in unincorporated areas within each county bears to the total number of such vehicles licensed by registered owners residing in the unincorporated areas of all counties in the state. Determination of the number of licensed vehicles shall be based solely upon information supplied by the Director of Licenses, who shall on January 1 of each even-numbered year furnish the Director of Highways a detailed statement showing the number of vehicles licensed by registered owners residing in unincorporated areas of each county during the preceding license year. Hereafter the Director of Licenses shall require each application for a certificate of license registration to state whether applicant resides within or outside an incorporated area and in which county the applicant resides;

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(g) Unit cost ratios representing the variance in cost of construction and maintenance in the several counties are allocated as follows: Adams, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan and Stevens, each a unit cost ratio of 80; Asotin, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Island, Klickitat, San Juan, Walla Walla and Whitman, each a unit cost ratio of 100; Benton, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Thurston and Yakima, each a unit cost ratio of 125; Chelan, Clark, King, Kittitas, Lewis,

Pierce, Snohomish and Whatcom, each a unit cost ratio of 170; Clallam, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Pacific, Skagit, Skamania and Wahkiakum, each a unit cost ratio of 240;

The percentage to which each county would otherwise be entitled under subsection (e) and (f) above shall be adjusted to allow for differences in cost, by multiplying said percentage by the unit cost ratio of said county. The resulting figure shall be designated the cost-weighted figure, and the proportion which said cost-weighted figure of each county shall bear to the total of the cost-weighted figures of all counties shall be the percentage payable to each county under subsection (e) and (f);

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(h) The Director of Highways shall adjust the allocations to the several counties on April 1st of every even-numbered year, based solely upon information supplied by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the U. S. Postal Department as above provided. Not later than February 15th of said years, said Director shall supply the Board of County Commissioners of each county with a written statement showing any proposed changes, and the said Director shall have authority to correct any mistakes therein at any time before actual distribution shall be made.

Each County Treasurer shall forthwith upon receipt of such money from the Motor Vehicle Fund place the same to the credit of the County Road Fund.

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immediately.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall be effective on and after April 1, 1945.

Passed the Senate March 3, 1945.

Passed the House March 7, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1945.