

over all other persons. The Director of Finance, Budget and Business may in his discretion, open any available excess accommodations to general hospitalization of other patients, except that no patient having a contagious disease shall be admitted.

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CHAPTER 54.

[H. B. 213.]

EXCISE TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLES.

AN ACT relating to the excise tax on motor vehicles and trailers; and amending chapter 144, Laws of 1943, by adding a new section to said chapter allocating a portion of the cities' and towns' share of the revenues produced under said law to be used for municipal research and service.

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

SECTION 1. That a new section be added to chapter 144, Laws of 1943, to be designated as section 14-a, to read as follows:

Section 14-a. Before distributing monies to the cities and towns from the Motor Vehicle Excise Fund, as provided in section 14 of this act, the State Treasurer shall make an annual deduction therefrom of a sum equal to four cents (4¢) per capita of the population of all cities or towns, determined as provided in section 14 hereof, which sum shall be apportioned and transmitted to the University of Washington for use by its Bureau of Governmental Research, and shall be used for studies and research in municipal government, publications, educational conferences and attendance thereat, and in furnishing technical, consultative and field ser-

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vices to cities and towns in problems relating to planning, public health, municipal sanitation, fire protection, law enforcement, post-war improvements and public works, and in any and all matters relating to city and town government. The program shall be carried on and all expenditures shall be made in cooperation with the cities and towns of the state acting through the Association of Washington Cities by its Executive Committee which is hereby recognized as their official agency or instrumentality: *Provided*, That for the calendar year 1945 after the effective date of this act there shall be deducted from sums allocated to cities and towns under section 14 hereof, and transmitted to the University of Washington for expenditures as hereinbefore provided, a sum equal to two cents (2¢) per capita of the population of the cities and towns of the state, determined as provided in section 14 hereof: *Provided further*, That any monies remaining unexpended or uncontracted for by said bureau at the end of any calendar year shall be returned to the motor vehicle excise fund and be paid to cities and towns under the provisions of section 14 of this act.

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