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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the public safety equipment fund, providing
2 for voluntary contributions to the fund, and including
3 effective date provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **80.47 Public safety equipment fund.**

2 1. A public safety equipment fund is created in the state
3 treasury under the control of the department. The fund shall
4 consist of moneys remitted by the county treasurer of a county
5 or by the department of transportation which were collected
6 through the payment of a contribution made by an applicant for
7 registration of a motor vehicle pursuant to section 321.44B
8 and any other moneys appropriated to or deposited in the fund.
9 Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department for the
10 purchase, maintenance, and replacement of equipment used by the
11 department.

12 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund
13 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of a
14 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
15 expenditure for the purposes designated. Notwithstanding
16 section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in
17 the fund shall be credited to the fund.

18 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **321.44B Voluntary contribution**
19 **— public safety equipment fund — amount retained by county**
20 **treasurer.**

21 For each application for registration or renewal, the
22 county treasurer or the department shall request through
23 use of a written form, and, if the application is made in
24 person, through verbal communication, that an applicant make
25 a voluntary contribution of one dollar or more, computed to
26 the nearest whole dollar, to the public safety equipment fund
27 established pursuant to section 80.47. One hundred percent
28 of the moneys collected by the county and one hundred percent
29 of the moneys collected by the department in the form of
30 contributions shall be remitted to the treasurer of state for
31 deposit in the public safety equipment fund to be used for the
32 purposes specified for the fund. However, up to five percent
33 of the moneys collected by the county may be retained by the
34 county treasurer for deposit in the general fund of the county.
35 The director shall adopt rules to administer this section.

1 Sec. 3. Section 331.557, subsection 1, Code 2019, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 1. Issue, renew, and replace lost or damaged vehicle
4 registration cards or plates, and issue and transfer
5 certificates of title for vehicles, and collect voluntary
6 contributions, as provided in sections 321.17 ~~to~~ through
7 321.52.

8 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,
9 2020.

10 EXPLANATION

11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 This bill creates a public safety equipment fund and
14 appropriates moneys in the fund to the department of public
15 safety for the purchase, maintenance, and replacement of
16 equipment used by the department. The bill provides that for
17 each application for registration or renewal of a registration
18 for a motor vehicle, the county treasurer or the department of
19 transportation (DOT) shall request through use of a written
20 form, and, if the application is made in person, through verbal
21 communication, that an applicant make a voluntary contribution
22 of \$1 or more, computed to the nearest whole dollar, to the
23 public safety equipment fund. The moneys collected by the
24 county and the DOT in the form of contributions must be
25 remitted to the treasurer of state for deposit in the public
26 safety equipment fund. However, up to 5 percent of the moneys
27 collected by the county may be retained by the county treasurer
28 for deposit in the general fund of the county.

29 The bill takes effect January 1, 2020.