
SENATE BILL 5507

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By Senators Braun, Rivers, Sheldon, Angel, and Schoesler

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1 AN ACT Relating to appeals by employers of department of labor
2 and industries' fines or civil penalties; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 51.52 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 51.52
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 If an employer appeals a department order or decision imposing
8 any fine or civil penalty on the employer for failing to secure
9 payment of compensation under this title, failing to report the
10 payroll or employee hours related to employment, failing to keep and
11 preserve records required by this title, or misrepresenting the
12 amount of payroll or employee hours upon which premium is based, and
13 the employer prevails upon appeal before the board, or in a court
14 action, the department shall pay to the employer a penalty in an
15 amount equal to the amount of any fine and penalty determined to not
16 be due by a final order of the board or a court.

17 Any penalty incurred by the department under this section shall
18 be paid one-half out of the medical aid fund and one-half out of the
19 accident fund.

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