
HOUSE BILL 2091

State of Washington 65th Legislature 2017 Regular Session

By Representatives Shea, McCaslin, and Taylor

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington State Bar Association; adding
2 new sections to chapter 2.44 RCW; creating a new section; recodifying
3 RCW 2.48.180, 2.48.190, and 2.48.200; and repealing RCW 2.48.010,
4 2.48.020, 2.48.021, 2.48.030, 2.48.035, 2.48.040, 2.48.050, 2.48.060,
5 2.48.070, 2.48.080, 2.48.090, 2.48.100, 2.48.110, 2.48.130, 2.48.140,
6 2.48.150, 2.48.160, 2.48.165, 2.48.166, 2.48.170, 2.48.210, 2.48.220,
7 and 2.48.230.

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

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the Washington
10 State Bar Association was initially established by the legislature as
11 a state agency. Since that time the State Supreme Court has taken
12 over as the entity regulating members of the state bar, and has
13 opined that, "the ultimate power to regulate court-related functions,
14 including the administration of the Bar Association, belongs
15 exclusively to this court." *WSBA v. State of Washington*, 125 Wn.2d
16 901 (1995). Therefore, the legislature intends to repeal statutes
17 establishing the bar association and regulation of members of the
18 bar.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The following acts or parts of acts are
20 each repealed:

1 (1) RCW 2.48.010 (Objects and powers) and 1933 c 94 s 2;
2 (2) RCW 2.48.020 (First members) and 1933 c 94 s 3;
3 (3) RCW 2.48.021 (New members) and 1933 c 94 s 4;
4 (4) RCW 2.48.030 (Board of governors) and 1982 1st ex.s. c 30 s
5 1, 1972 ex.s. c 66 s 1, & 1933 c 94 s 5;
6 (5) RCW 2.48.035 (Board of governors—Membership—Effect of
7 creation of new congressional districts or boundaries) and 1982 1st
8 ex.s. c 30 s 2;
9 (6) RCW 2.48.040 (State bar governed by board of governors) and
10 1933 c 94 s 6;
11 (7) RCW 2.48.050 (Powers of governors) and 1933 c 94 s 7;
12 (8) RCW 2.48.060 (Admission and disbarment) and 1933 c 94 s 8;
13 (9) RCW 2.48.070 (Admission of veterans) and 1945 c 181 s 1;
14 (10) RCW 2.48.080 (Admission of veterans—Establishment of
15 requirements if in service) and 2011 c 336 s 63 & 1945 c 181 s 2;
16 (11) RCW 2.48.090 (Admission of veterans—Establishment of
17 requirements if discharged) and 2011 c 336 s 64 & 1945 c 181 s 3;
18 (12) RCW 2.48.100 (Admission of veterans—Effect of disability
19 discharge) and 1945 c 181 s 4;
20 (13) RCW 2.48.110 (Admission of veterans—Fees of veterans) and
21 1945 c 181 s 5;
22 (14) RCW 2.48.130 (Membership fee—Active) and 1957 c 138 s 1,
23 1953 c 256 s 1, & 1933 c 94 s 9;
24 (15) RCW 2.48.140 (Membership fee—Inactive) and 1955 c 34 s 1 &
25 1933 c 94 s 10;
26 (16) RCW 2.48.150 (Admission fees) and 2011 c 336 s 65 & 1933 c
27 94 s 11;
28 (17) RCW 2.48.160 (Suspension for nonpayment of fees) and 2011 c
29 336 s 66 & 1933 c 94 s 12;
30 (18) RCW 2.48.165 (Disbarment or license suspension—Nonpayment or
31 default on educational loan or scholarship) and 1996 c 293 s 1;
32 (19) RCW 2.48.166 (Admission to or suspension from practice—
33 Noncompliance with support order—Rules) and 1997 c 58 s 810;
34 (20) RCW 2.48.170 (Only active members may practice law) and 2011
35 c 336 s 67 & 1933 c 94 s 13;
36 (21) RCW 2.48.210 (Oath on admission) and 2013 c 23 s 1 & 1921 c
37 126 s 12;
38 (22) RCW 2.48.220 (Grounds of disbarment or suspension) and 2011
39 c 336 s 68, 1921 c 126 s 14, & 1909 c 139 s 7; and

1 (23) RCW 2.48.230 (Code of ethics) and 1921 c 126 s 15.

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 2.48.180, 2.48.190, and 2.48.200 are
3 each recodified as sections in chapter 2.44 RCW.

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