

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5882

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DRUGS ASSETS PROPERTY FORFEITURE

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Yeas 44 Nays 0

JOEL PRITCHARD
President of the Senate

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Yeas 98 Nays 0

JOE KING
**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved May 21, 1991

BOOTH GARDNER
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Gordon Golob, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5882** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

GORDON A. GOLOB
Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Pelz, McCaslin, Johnson, Madsen, Moore and Owen).

Read first time March 11, 1991.

1 AN ACT Relating to drug assets property forfeiture by criminals;
2 adding new sections to chapter 43.10 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that drug asset
5 forfeiture and criminal profiteering laws allow law enforcement
6 officials and the courts to strip drug dealers and other successful
7 criminals of the wealth they have acquired from their crimes and the
8 assets they have used to facilitate those crimes. These laws are
9 rarely used by prosecutors, however, because of the difficulty in
10 identifying profiteering and the assets that criminals may have as a
11 result of their crimes. It is the intent of the legislature to provide
12 assistance to local law enforcement officials and state agencies to
13 seize the assets of criminals and the proceeds of their profiteering.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.10 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The attorney general may: (1) Assist local law enforcement
4 officials in the development of cases arising under the criminal
5 profiteering laws with special emphasis on narcotics related cases; (2)
6 assist local prosecutors in the litigation of criminal profiteering or
7 drug asset forfeiture cases, or, at the request of a prosecutor's
8 office, litigate such cases on its behalf; and (3) conduct seminars and
9 training sessions on prosecution of criminal profiteering cases and
10 drug asset forfeiture cases.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.10 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 All assets recovered pursuant to section 2 of this act shall be
14 distributed in the following manner: (1) For drug asset forfeitures,
15 pursuant to the provisions of RCW 69.50.505; and (2) for criminal
16 profiteering cases, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 9A.82.100.

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