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SENATE BILL 5924

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By Senator Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to the renewal of judgments; amending RCW 4.56.210;  
2 and reenacting and amending RCW 4.56.190.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.56.190 and 1987 c 442 s 1103 and 1987 c 202 s 116  
5 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 The real estate of any judgment debtor, and such as the judgment  
7 debtor may acquire, not exempt by law, shall be held and bound to  
8 satisfy any judgment of the district court of the United States  
9 rendered in this state and any judgment of the supreme court, court of  
10 appeals, superior court, ((or)) district court of this state, or  
11 renewed under RCW 4.56.210(3), and every such judgment shall be a lien  
12 thereupon to commence as provided in RCW 4.56.200 and to run for a  
13 period of not to exceed ten years from the day on which such judgment  
14 was entered. As used in this chapter, real estate shall not include  
15 the vendor's interest under a real estate contract for judgments  
16 rendered after August 23, 1983. If a judgment debtor owns real estate,  
17 subject to execution, jointly or in common with any other person, the  
18 judgment shall be a lien on the interest of the defendant only.

1 Personal property of the judgment debtor shall be held only from  
2 the time it is actually levied upon.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 4.56.210 and 1989 c 360 s 2 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, after the  
6 expiration of ten years from the date of the entry of any judgment  
7 heretofore or hereafter rendered in this state, it shall cease to be a  
8 lien or charge against the estate or person of the judgment debtor. No  
9 suit, action or other proceeding shall ever be had on any judgment  
10 rendered in this state by which the lien shall be extended or continued  
11 in force for any greater or longer period than ten years.

12 (2) An underlying judgment or judgment lien entered after (~~the~~  
13 ~~effective date of this act~~) July 23, 1989, for accrued child support  
14 shall continue in force for ten years after the eighteenth birthday of  
15 the youngest child named in the order for whom support is ordered. All  
16 judgments entered after (~~the effective date of this act~~) July 23,  
17 1989, shall contain the birth date of the youngest child for whom  
18 support is ordered.

19 (3) Before the expiration of a ten-year period under subsection (1)  
20 or (2) of this section, the court in which the judgment originally was  
21 entered, on motion, may renew the judgment and cause a new entry and  
22 docketing of the judgment to be made. The renewed judgment and a lien  
23 of judgment under the renewed judgment expire ten years after the entry  
24 of the renewed judgment. If a judgment is renewed under this  
25 subsection, the judgment creditor or the judgment creditor's agent may  
26 cause to be recorded in the lien record of a county in which the real  
27 estate of the judgment debtor is situated a certified copy of the  
28 renewed judgment. Execution may issue upon the renewed judgment until  
29 the renewed judgment expires or is fully satisfied.

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