
SENATE BILL 5601

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By Senator Costa

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1 AN ACT Relating to judgments; and amending RCW 4.64.030 and
2 46.29.270.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.64.030 and 1997 c 358 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The clerk shall enter all judgments in the execution docket,
7 subject to the direction of the court and shall specify clearly the
8 amount to be recovered, the relief granted, or other determination of
9 the action.

10 (2)(a) On the first page of each judgment which provides for the
11 payment of money, including judgments in rem, mandates of judgments,
12 and judgments on garnishments, the following shall be succinctly
13 summarized: The judgment creditor and the name of his or her attorney,
14 the judgment debtor, the amount of the judgment, the interest owed to
15 the date of the judgment, and the total of the taxable costs and
16 attorney fees, if known at the time of the entry of the judgment.

17 (b) If the judgment provides for the award of real property, the
18 first page must also include an abbreviated legal description of the
19 property awarded in the judgment, including lot, block, plat, or

1 section, township, and range, and reference to the judgment page number
2 where the full legal description is included, if applicable; and the
3 assessor's property tax parcel or account number, consistent with RCW
4 65.04.045(1) (f) and (g).

5 (c) If the judgment provides for damages arising from the
6 ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle as specified in RCW
7 46.29.270, the first page of the judgment summary must clearly state
8 that the judgment is awarded pursuant to RCW 46.29.270 and that the
9 clerk must give notice to the department of licensing as outlined in
10 RCW 46.29.310.

11 (3) If the attorney fees and costs are not included in the
12 judgment, they shall be summarized in the cost bill when filed. The
13 clerk may not enter a judgment, and a judgment does not take effect,
14 until the judgment has a summary in compliance with this section. The
15 clerk is not liable for an incorrect summary.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.29.270 and 1963 c 169 s 27 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall,
19 for the purpose of this chapter, have the meanings respectively
20 ascribed to them in this section.

21 (1) The term "judgment" shall mean: Any judgment which shall have
22 become final by expiration without appeal of the time within which an
23 appeal might have been perfected, or by final affirmation on appeal,
24 rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction of any state or of the
25 United States, upon a cause of action arising out of the ownership,
26 maintenance or use of any vehicle of a type subject to registration
27 under the laws of this state, for damages, including damages for care
28 and loss of services, because of bodily injury to or death of any
29 person, or for damages because of injury to or destruction of property,
30 including the loss of use thereof, or upon a cause of action on an
31 agreement of settlement for such damages. The first page of a judgment
32 must include a judgment summary that states damages are awarded under
33 this section and the clerk of the court must give notice as outlined in
34 RCW 46.29.310.

1 (2) The term "state" shall mean: Any state, territory, or
2 possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any
3 province of the Dominion of Canada.

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