
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6527

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By Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Johnson, Berkey, Esser and Sheahan)

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1 AN ACT Relating to attorney fees; and amending RCW 4.84.080 and
2 12.20.060.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.84.080 and 1985 c 240 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 When allowed to either party, costs to be called the attorney fee,
7 shall be as follows:

8 (1) In all actions where judgment is rendered, (~~one~~) two hundred
9 (~~twenty-five~~) dollars.

10 (2) In all actions where judgment is rendered in the supreme court
11 or the court of appeals, after argument, (~~one~~) two hundred (~~twenty-~~
12 ~~five~~) dollars.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 12.20.060 and 1993 c 341 s 1 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 When the prevailing party in district court is entitled to recover
16 costs as authorized in RCW 4.84.010 in a civil action, the judge shall
17 add the amount thereof to the judgment; in case of failure of the
18 plaintiff to recover or of dismissal of the action, the judge shall

1 enter up a judgment in favor of the defendant for the amount of his or
2 her costs; and in case any party so entitled to costs is represented in
3 the action by an attorney, the judge shall include attorney's fees (~~of~~
4 ~~one hundred twenty five dollars~~) in the amount provided in RCW
5 4.84.060 as part of the costs: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the plaintiff
6 shall not be entitled to such attorney fee unless he or she obtains,
7 exclusive of costs, a judgment in the sum of fifty dollars or more:
8 AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That if the plaintiff obtains judgment, exclusive
9 of costs, of at least fifty dollars but less than two hundred dollars,
10 the judge shall include attorney fees of one hundred twenty-five
11 dollars as part of the costs.

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