
ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5651

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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Alvarado, Valdez, Cortes, Nobles, Salomon, Slatter, Stanford, and Trudeau)

READ FIRST TIME 02/28/25.

1 AN ACT Relating to exemptions from garnishment; amending RCW
2 6.15.010, 6.15.050, 6.27.140, and 6.27.100; repealing 2023 c 393 s 6,
3 and 2021 c 50 s 4 (uncodified); providing an effective date; and
4 declaring an emergency.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 6.15.010 and 2023 c 393 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) Except as provided in RCW 6.15.050, the following personal
9 property is exempt from execution, attachment, and garnishment:

10 (a) All wearing apparel of every individual and family, but not
11 to exceed \$3,500 in value in furs, jewelry, and personal ornaments
12 for any individual.

13 (b) All private libraries including electronic media, which
14 includes audiovisual, entertainment, or reference media in digital or
15 analogue format, of every individual, but not to exceed \$3,500 in
16 value, and all family pictures and keepsakes.

17 (c) A cell phone, personal computer, and printer.

18 (d) To each individual or, as to community property of spouses
19 maintaining a single household as against a creditor of the
20 community, to the community, provided that each spouse is entitled to
21 his or her own exemptions in this subsection (1)(d):

1 (i) All household goods, appliances, furniture, and home and yard
2 equipment, not to exceed \$6,500 in value for the individual, said
3 amount to include provisions and fuel for comfortable maintenance;

4 (ii) In a bankruptcy case, any other personal property, except
5 personal earnings as provided under RCW 6.15.050(1), not to exceed
6 \$10,000 in value. The value shall be determined as of the date the
7 bankruptcy petition is filed;

8 (iii) ~~(A)~~ Other than in a bankruptcy case as described in (d) (ii)
9 of this subsection, other personal property, except personal earnings
10 as provided under RCW 6.15.050(1), not to exceed \$3,000 in value, of
11 which not more than:

12 ~~((A))~~ (I) For all debts except private student loan debt and
13 consumer debt, \$500 in value may consist of bank accounts, savings
14 and loan accounts, stocks, bonds, or other securities. The maximum
15 exemption under this subsection (1)(d)(iii) ~~(A)~~ (I) shall be
16 automatically protected and may not exceed \$500, regardless of the
17 number of existing separate bank accounts, savings and loan accounts,
18 stocks, bonds, or other securities.

19 ~~((B))~~ (II) For all private student loan debt, \$2,500 in value
20 may consist of bank accounts, savings and loan accounts, stocks,
21 bonds, or other securities. \$1,000 in value shall be automatically
22 protected. The maximum exemption under this subsection (1)(d)(iii)
23 ~~((B))~~ (A) (II) may not exceed \$2,500, regardless of the number of
24 existing separate bank accounts, savings and loan accounts, stocks,
25 bonds, or other securities.

26 ~~((C))~~ (III) For all consumer debt, \$2,000 in value may consist
27 of bank accounts, savings and loan accounts, stocks, bonds, or other
28 securities. ~~(\$1,000 in value shall be automatically protected.)~~ The
29 maximum exemption under this subsection (1)(d)(iii) ~~((C))~~ (A) (III)
30 shall be automatically protected and may not exceed \$2,000,
31 regardless of the number of existing separate bank accounts, savings
32 and loan accounts, stocks, bonds, or other securities.

33 (B) Beginning July 1, 2027, the dollar amounts in this subsection
34 (1)(d)(iii) shall be adjusted every three years by the department of
35 revenue to:

36 (I) Reflect the change in the consumer price index for all urban
37 consumers, published by the United States department of labor, for
38 the most recent three-year period; and

39 (II) Round to the nearest \$25 the dollar amount that represents
40 such change;

1 (iv) A motor vehicle not to exceed \$15,000 in aggregate value;

2 (v) Any past due, current, or future child support, alimony, or
3 spousal support paid or owed to the debtor, which can be traced;

4 (vi) All professionally prescribed health aids for the debtor or
5 a dependent of the debtor;

6 (vii) To any individual, the right to or proceeds of a payment
7 not to exceed twenty thousand dollars on account of personal bodily
8 injury, not including pain and suffering or compensation for actual
9 pecuniary loss, of the debtor or an individual of whom the debtor is
10 a dependent; or the right to or proceeds of a payment in compensation
11 of loss of future earnings of the debtor or an individual of whom the
12 debtor is or was a dependent, to the extent reasonably necessary for
13 the support of the debtor and any dependent of the debtor; and

14 (viii) In a bankruptcy case, the right to or proceeds of personal
15 injury of the debtor or an individual of whom the debtor is a
16 dependent; or the right to or proceeds of a payment in compensation
17 of loss of future earnings of the debtor or an individual of whom the
18 debtor is or was a dependent are free of the enforcement of the
19 claims of creditors, except to the extent such claims are for the
20 satisfaction of any liens or subrogation claims arising out of the
21 claims for personal injury or death. The exemption under this
22 subsection (1)(d)(viii) does not apply to the right of the state of
23 Washington, or any agent or assignee of the state, as a lienholder or
24 subrogee under RCW 43.20B.060.

25 (e) To any individual, the tools, instruments, materials, and
26 supplies used to carry on his or her trade not to exceed \$15,000 in
27 value.

28 (f) Tuition units, under chapter 28B.95 RCW, purchased more than
29 two years prior to the date of a bankruptcy filing or court judgment,
30 and contributions to any other qualified tuition program under 26
31 U.S.C. Sec. 529 of the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended, and
32 to a Coverdell education savings account, also known as an education
33 individual retirement account, under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 530 of the
34 internal revenue code of 1986, as amended, contributed more than two
35 years prior to the date of a bankruptcy filing or court judgment.

36 (2) For purposes of this section, "value" means the reasonable
37 market value of the debtor's interest in an article or item at the
38 time it is selected for exemption, exclusive of all liens and
39 encumbrances thereon.

1 (3) In the case of married persons, each spouse is entitled to
2 the exemptions provided in this section, which may be combined with
3 the other spouse's exemption in the same property or taken in
4 different exempt property.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 6.15.050 and 2002 c 265 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Wages, salary, or other compensation regularly paid for
8 personal services rendered by the debtor claiming the exemption shall
9 not be claimed as exempt under RCW 6.15.010, but the same may be
10 claimed as exempt in any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding to the
11 same extent as allowed under the statutes relating to garnishments.

12 (2) No property may be exempt under RCW 6.15.010 from execution,
13 attachment, or garnishment issued upon a judgment for all or any part
14 of the purchase price of the property.

15 (3) No property may be exempt under RCW 6.15.010 from legal
16 process issued upon a judgment for restitution ordered by a court to
17 be paid for the benefit of a victim of a criminal act.

18 (4) No property may be exempt under RCW 6.15.010 from legal
19 process issued upon a judgment for any tax levied upon such property.

20 (5) Nothing in this chapter shall be so construed as to prevent a
21 debtor from creating a security interest in personal property which
22 might be claimed as exempt, or the enforcement of such security
23 interest against the property.

24 (6) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to exempt personal
25 property of a nonresident of this state or of an individual who has
26 left or is about to leave this state with the intention to defraud
27 his or her creditors.

28 (7) Personal property exemptions are waived by failure to claim
29 them prior to sale of exemptible property under execution or, in a
30 garnishment proceeding, within the time specified in RCW 6.27.160.

31 (8) Personal property exemptions may not be claimed by one spouse
32 in a bankruptcy case that is not a joint case or a joint
33 administration of the estate with the bankruptcy estate of the other
34 spouse where (a) bankruptcy is filed by both spouses within a six-
35 month period, and (b) one spouse exempts property from property of
36 the estate under the bankruptcy exemption provisions of 11 U.S.C.
37 Sec. 522(d).

38 (9) No property may be exempt under RCW 6.15.010 from execution,
39 levy, attachment, or garnishment issued by or on behalf of a child

1 support, alimony, or spousal support agency operating under Title IV-
2 D of the federal social security act or by or on behalf of any agent
3 or assignee of the child support, alimony, or spousal support agency.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 6.27.140 and 2023 c 393 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The notice required by RCW 6.27.130(1) to be mailed to or
7 served on an individual judgment debtor shall be in the following
8 form, printed or typed in no smaller than size twelve point font:

9 NOTICE OF GARNISHMENT
10 AND OF YOUR RIGHTS

11 A Writ of Garnishment issued in a Washington court has been
12 or will be served on the garnishee named in the attached copy
13 of the writ. After receipt of the writ, the garnishee is
14 required to withhold payment of any money that was due to you
15 and to withhold any other property of yours that the
16 garnishee held or controlled. This notice of your rights is
17 required by law.

18 YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING EXEMPTION RIGHTS:

19 WAGES. If the garnishee is your employer who owes wages or
20 other personal earnings to you, your employer is required to
21 pay amounts to you that are exempt under state and federal
22 laws, as explained in the writ of garnishment. You should
23 receive a copy of your employer's answer, which will show how
24 the exempt amount was calculated. A garnishment against wages
25 or other earnings for child support may not be issued under
26 chapter 6.27 RCW. If the garnishment is for private student
27 loan debt, the exempt amount paid to you will be the greater
28 of the following: A percent of your disposable earnings,
29 which is eighty-five percent of the part of your earnings
30 remaining after your employer deducts those amounts which are
31 required by law to be withheld, or fifty times the minimum
32 hourly wage of the highest minimum wage law in the state at
33 the time the earnings are payable. If the garnishment is for
34 consumer debt, the exempt amount paid to you will be the
35 greater of the following: A percent of your disposable
36 earnings, which is eighty percent of the part of your
37 earnings remaining after your employer deducts those amounts

1 which are required by law to be withheld, or thirty-five
2 times the state minimum hourly wage.

3 BANK ACCOUNTS. If the garnishee is a bank or other
4 institution with which you have an account in which you have
5 deposited benefits such as Temporary Assistance for Needy
6 Families, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social
7 Security, veterans' benefits, unemployment compensation, or
8 any federally qualified pension, such as a state or federal
9 pension, individual retirement account (IRA), or 401K plan,
10 you may claim the account as fully exempt if you have
11 deposited only such benefit funds in the account. It may be
12 partially exempt even though you have deposited money from
13 other sources in the same account. An exemption is also
14 available under RCW 26.16.200, providing that funds in a
15 community bank account that can be identified as the earnings
16 of a stepparent are exempt from a garnishment on the child
17 support obligation of the parent.

18 OTHER EXEMPTIONS. If the garnishee holds other property of
19 yours, some or all of it may be exempt under RCW 6.15.010, a
20 Washington statute that exempts certain property of your
21 choice (including, if the judgment is for private student
22 loan debt, up to (~~(\$2,500.00)~~) \$ in a bank account,
23 or for a marital community or domestic partnership up to
24 (~~(\$5,000.00)~~) \$ in a bank account; if the judgment
25 is for other consumer debt, up to (~~(\$2,000.00)~~) \$
26 in a bank account, or for a marital community or domestic
27 partnership up to (~~(\$4,000.00)~~) \$ in a bank
28 account; or, if the judgment is for any other debts, up to
29 (~~(\$500.00)~~) \$ in a bank account, or for a marital
30 community or domestic partnership up to (~~(\$1,000.00)~~)
31 \$ in a bank account) and certain other property
32 such as household furnishings, tools of trade, and a motor
33 vehicle (all limited by differing dollar values).

34 HOW TO CLAIM EXEMPTIONS. Fill out the enclosed claim form and
35 mail or deliver it as described in instructions on the claim
36 form. If the plaintiff does not object to your claim, the
37 funds or other property that you have claimed as exempt must
38 be released not later than 10 days after the plaintiff
39 receives your claim form. If the plaintiff objects, the law

1 requires a hearing not later than 14 days after the plaintiff
2 receives your claim form, and notice of the objection and
3 hearing date will be mailed to you at the address that you
4 put on the claim form.

5 THE LAW ALSO PROVIDES OTHER EXEMPTION RIGHTS. IF NECESSARY,
6 AN ATTORNEY CAN ASSIST YOU TO ASSERT THESE AND OTHER RIGHTS,
7 BUT YOU MUST ACT IMMEDIATELY TO AVOID LOSS OF RIGHTS BY
8 DELAY.

9 (2)(a) If the writ is to garnish funds or property held by a
10 financial institution, the claim form required by RCW 6.27.130(1) to
11 be mailed to or served on an individual judgment debtor shall be in
12 the following form, printed or typed in no smaller than size twelve
13 point font:

14 [Caption to be filled in by judgment creditor
15 or plaintiff before mailing.]

16 Name of Court

17 No

18 Plaintiff,

19 vs.

20 EXEMPTION CLAIM

21 Defendant,

22 Garnishee Defendant

23 INSTRUCTIONS:

- 24 1. Read this whole form after reading the enclosed
25 notice. Then put an X in the box or boxes that
26 describe your exemption claim or claims and write
27 in the necessary information on the blank lines. If
28 additional space is needed, use the bottom of the
29 last page or attach another sheet.

1 2. Make two copies of the completed form. Deliver
2 the original form by first-class mail or in person to
3 the clerk of the court, whose address is shown at
4 the bottom of the writ of garnishment. Deliver one
5 of the copies by first-class mail or in person to the
6 plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and
7 address are shown at the bottom of the writ. Keep
8 the other copy. YOU SHOULD DO THIS AS
9 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER
10 THAN 28 DAYS (4 WEEKS) AFTER THE DATE
11 ON THE WRIT.

12 I/We claim the following money or property as exempt:

13 IF BANK ACCOUNT IS GARNISHED:

14 [] The account contains payments from:

15 [] Temporary assistance for needy families, SSI, or
16 other public assistance. I receive \$
17 monthly.

18 [] Social Security. I receive \$ monthly.

19 [] Veterans' Benefits. I receive \$ monthly.

20 [] Federally qualified pension, such as a state or
21 federal pension, individual retirement account
22 (IRA), or 401K plan. I receive \$ monthly.

23 [] Unemployment Compensation. I receive \$
24 monthly.

25 [] Child support. I receive \$ monthly.

26 [] Other. Explain

27 [] I/We claim the following exemptions:

28 [] Exemption for private student loan debts:

29 [] ((\$2,500)) \$ for an individual; or

30 [] ((\$5,000)) \$ for a marital community
31 or domestic
32 partnership.

33 [] Exemption for consumer debts:

34 [] ((\$2,000)) \$ for an individual; or

35 [] ((\$4,000)) \$ for a marital community
36 or domestic
37 partnership.

(if different from yours)

.....

Your signature

CAUTION: If the plaintiff objects to your claim, you will have to go to court and give proof of your claim. For example, if you claim that a bank account is exempt, you may have to show the judge your bank statements and papers that show the source of the money you deposited in the bank. Your claim may be granted more quickly if you attach copies of such proof to your claim.

IF THE JUDGE DENIES YOUR EXEMPTION CLAIM, YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY THE PLAINTIFF'S COSTS. IF THE JUDGE DECIDES THAT YOU DID NOT MAKE THE CLAIM IN GOOD FAITH, HE OR SHE MAY DECIDE THAT YOU MUST PAY THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY FEES.

(b) If the writ is directed to an employer to garnish earnings, the claim form required by RCW 6.27.130(1) to be mailed to or served on an individual judgment debtor shall be in the following form, printed or typed in no smaller than size twelve point font type:

[Caption to be filled in by judgment creditor or plaintiff before mailing.]

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Name of Court

..... No.....

Plaintiff,

vs.

..... EXEMPTION CLAIM

Defendant,

.....

Garnishee Defendant

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Read this whole form after reading the enclosed notice. Then put an X in the box or boxes that describe your exemption claim or claims and write in the necessary information on the blank lines. If additional space is needed, use the bottom of the last page or attach another sheet.

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2. Make two copies of the completed form. Deliver the original form by first-class mail or in person to the clerk of the court, whose address is shown at the bottom of the writ of garnishment. Deliver one of the copies by first-class mail or in person to the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are shown at the bottom of the writ. Keep the other copy. YOU SHOULD DO THIS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN 28 DAYS (4 WEEKS) AFTER THE DATE ON THE WRIT.

I/We claim the following money or property as exempt:

IF PENSION OR RETIREMENT BENEFITS ARE GARNISHED:

[] Name and address of employer who is paying the benefits:.....
.....

IF EARNINGS ARE GARNISHED FOR PRIVATE STUDENT LOAN DEBT:

[] I claim maximum exemption.

IF EARNINGS ARE GARNISHED FOR CONSUMER DEBT:

[] I claim maximum exemption.

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Print: Your name If married or in a state registered domestic partnership, name of husband/wife/state registered domestic partner

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Address Address (if different from yours)

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Telephone number Telephone number

(if different from yours)

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Your signature

CAUTION: If the plaintiff objects to your claim, you will have to go to court and give proof of your claim. For example, if you claim that a bank account is exempt, you may have to show the judge your bank statements and papers that show the source of the money you deposited in the bank. Your claim may be granted more quickly if you attach copies of such proof to your claim.

IF THE JUDGE DENIES YOUR EXEMPTION CLAIM, YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY THE PLAINTIFF'S COSTS. IF THE JUDGE DECIDES THAT YOU DID NOT MAKE THE CLAIM IN GOOD FAITH, HE OR SHE MAY DECIDE THAT YOU MUST PAY THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY FEES.

(c) If the writ under (b) of this subsection is not a writ for the collection of private student loan debt, the exemption language pertaining to private student loan debt may be omitted.

(d) If the writ under (b) of this subsection is not a writ for the collection of consumer debt, the exemption language pertaining to consumer debt may be omitted.

(3) Before mailing or serving a notice or writ under this section, the judgment creditor or plaintiff must fill in blanks for dollar amounts as follows:

(a) For a blank concerning the exemption amount for an individual, the amount provided by RCW 6.15.010(1)(d)(iii), as adjusted by the department of revenue pursuant to RCW 6.15.010(1)(d)(iii)(B); and

(b) For a blank concerning the exemption amount for a marital community or domestic partnership, double the amount provided in (a) of this subsection.

Sec. 4. RCW 6.27.100 and 2023 c 393 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A writ issued for a continuing lien on earnings shall be substantially in the form provided in RCW 6.27.105. All other writs of garnishment shall be substantially in the following form, but:

(a) If the writ is issued under an order or judgment for child support, the following statement shall appear conspicuously in the

1 caption: "This garnishment is based on a judgment or order for child
2 support";

3 (b) If the writ is issued under an order or judgment for private
4 student loan debt, the following statement shall appear conspicuously
5 in the caption: "This garnishment is based on a judgment or order for
6 private student loan debt";

7 (c) If the writ is issued under an order or judgment for consumer
8 debt, the following statement shall appear conspicuously in the
9 caption: "This garnishment is based on a judgment or order for
10 consumer debt"; and

11 (d) If the writ is issued by an attorney, the writ shall be
12 revised as indicated in subsection (2) of this section:

13 "IN THE COURT
14 OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR
15 THE COUNTY OF

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17 Plaintiff, No.
18 vs.
19 , WRIT OF
20 Defendant, GARNISHMENT
21 ,
22 Garnishee

23 THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:
24 Garnishee
25 AND TO:
26 Defendant

27 The above-named plaintiff has applied for a writ of
28 garnishment against you, claiming that the above-named
29 defendant is indebted to plaintiff and that the amount to
30 be held to satisfy that indebtedness is \$,
31 consisting of:

32 Balance on Judgment or Amount of Claim \$....
33 Interest under Judgment from to \$....
34 Per Day Rate of Estimated Interest \$....
35 per day
36 Taxable Costs and Attorneys' Fees \$....
37 Estimated Garnishment Costs:

1	Filing and Ex Parte Fees	\$....
2	Service and Affidavit Fees	\$....
3	Postage and Costs of Certified Mail	\$....
4	Answer Fee or Fees	\$....
5	Garnishment Attorney Fee	\$....
6	Other	\$....

7 YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, unless otherwise directed by the court,
8 by the attorney of record for the plaintiff, or by this writ, not to
9 pay any debt, whether earnings subject to this garnishment or any
10 other debt, owed to the defendant at the time this writ was served
11 and not to deliver, sell, or transfer, or recognize any sale or
12 transfer of, any personal property or effects of the defendant in
13 your possession or control at the time when this writ was served. Any
14 such payment, delivery, sale, or transfer is void to the extent
15 necessary to satisfy the plaintiff's claim and costs for this writ
16 with interest.

17 YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to answer this writ according to the
18 instructions in this writ and in the answer forms and, within twenty
19 days after the service of the writ upon you, to mail or deliver the
20 original of such answer to the court, one copy to the plaintiff or
21 the plaintiff's attorney, and one copy to the defendant, at the
22 addresses listed at the bottom of this writ.

23 If you owe the defendant a debt payable in money in excess of the
24 amount set forth in the first paragraph of this writ, hold only the
25 amount set forth in the first paragraph and any processing fee if one
26 is charged and release all additional funds or property to defendant.

27 FOR ALL DEBTS EXCEPT PRIVATE STUDENT LOAN DEBT AND CONSUMER DEBT:
28 If you are a bank or other institution in which the defendant has
29 accounts to which the exemption under RCW 6.15.010(1)(d)(iii)(A) (I)
30 applies and the total of the amounts held in all of the defendant's
31 accounts is less than or equal to ~~((500))~~ \$, release all
32 funds or property to the defendant and do not hold any amount.
33 However, if you have documentation that the funds in the account are
34 the community property of married persons or domestic partners, and
35 if the total of the amounts held in all of the combined accounts of
36 the married persons or domestic partners is less than or equal to
37 ~~((1,000))~~ \$, then release all funds or property to the
38 defendant and do not hold any amount.

1 If you are a bank or other institution in which the defendant has
2 accounts to which the exemption under RCW 6.15.010(1)(d)(iii)(A) (I)
3 applies and the total of the amounts held in all of the defendant's
4 accounts is in excess of (~~(\$500)~~) \$, release at least
5 (~~(\$500)~~) \$, hold no more than the amount set forth in the
6 first paragraph of this writ and any processing fee if one is
7 charged, and release additional funds or property, if any, to the
8 defendant. However, if you have documentation that the funds in the
9 account are the community property of married persons or domestic
10 partners, and if the total of the amounts held in all of the combined
11 accounts of the married persons or domestic partners is in excess of
12 (~~(\$1,000)~~) \$, release at least (~~(\$1,000)~~) \$, hold
13 no more than the amount set forth in the first paragraph of this writ
14 and any processing fee if one is charged, and release additional
15 funds or property, if any, to the defendant.

16 FOR PRIVATE STUDENT LOAN DEBT AND CONSUMER DEBT:

17 If you are a bank or other institution in which the defendant has
18 accounts to which the exemption under RCW 6.15.010(1)(d)(iii) (~~(B)~~
19 ~~or (C)~~) (A) (II) or (III) applies and the total of the amounts held
20 in all of the defendant's accounts is less than or equal to
21 (~~(\$1,000)~~) \$, release all funds or property to the
22 defendant and do not hold any amount. However, if you have
23 documentation that the funds in the account are the community
24 property of married persons or domestic partners, and if the total of
25 the amounts held in all of the combined accounts of the married
26 persons or domestic partners is less than or equal to (~~(\$2,000)~~)
27 \$, then release all funds or property to the defendant and
28 do not hold any amount.

29 If you are a bank or other institution in which the defendant has
30 accounts to which the exemption under RCW 6.15.010(1)(d)(iii) (~~(B)~~
31 ~~or (C)~~) (A) (II) or (III) applies and the total of the amounts held
32 in all of the defendant's accounts is in excess of (~~(\$1,000)~~)
33 \$, release at least (~~(\$1,000)~~) \$, hold no more
34 than the amount set forth in the first paragraph of this writ and any
35 processing fee if one is charged, and release additional funds or
36 property, if any, to the defendant. However, if you have
37 documentation that the funds in the account are the community
38 property of married persons or domestic partners, and if the total of
39 the amounts held in all of the combined accounts of the married
40 persons or domestic partners is in excess of (~~(\$2,000)~~) \$,

1 release at least ((~~\$2,000~~)) \$, hold no more than the amount
2 set forth in the first paragraph of this writ and any processing fee
3 if one is charged, and release additional funds or property, if any,
4 to the defendant.

5 IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER THIS WRIT AS COMMANDED, A JUDGMENT MAY BE
6 ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE PLAINTIFF'S CLAIM
7 AGAINST THE DEFENDANT WITH ACCRUING INTEREST, ATTORNEY FEES, AND
8 COSTS WHETHER OR NOT YOU OWE ANYTHING TO THE DEFENDANT. IF YOU
9 PROPERLY ANSWER THIS WRIT, ANY JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WILL NOT EXCEED
10 THE AMOUNT OF ANY NONEXEMPT DEBT OR THE VALUE OF ANY NONEXEMPT
11 PROPERTY OR EFFECTS IN YOUR POSSESSION OR CONTROL.

12 JUDGMENT MAY ALSO BE ENTERED AGAINST THE DEFENDANT FOR COSTS AND
13 FEES INCURRED BY THE PLAINTIFF.

14 Witness, the Honorable, Judge of the above-
15 entitled Court, and the seal thereof, this day
16 of, (year)

17 [Seal]

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19	Attorney for	Clerk of
20	Plaintiff (or	the Court
21	Plaintiff, if no	
22	attorney)	
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26	Name of Defendant	Address"
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28	Address of Defendant	

29 (2) If an attorney issues the writ of garnishment, the final
30 paragraph of the writ, containing the date, and the subscripted
31 attorney and clerk provisions, shall be replaced with text in
32 substantially the following form:

33 "This writ is issued by the undersigned attorney of record for
34 plaintiff under the authority of chapter 6.27 of the Revised Code of
35 Washington, and must be complied with in the same manner as a writ
36 issued by the clerk of the court.

1 Dated thisday of....., (year)
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 3 Attorney for Plaintiff
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 5 Address Address of the Clerk of the
 6 Court"
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 8 Name of Defendant
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 10 Address of Defendant

11 (3) Before issuing a writ under this section, blanks for dollar
 12 amounts in the form must be filled in as follows:

13 (a) For a blank concerning the exemption amount for an
 14 individual, the amount provided by RCW 6.15.010(1)(d)(iii), as
 15 adjusted by the department of revenue pursuant to RCW
 16 6.15.010(1)(d)(iii)(B); and

17 (b) For a blank concerning the exemption amount for a marital
 18 community or domestic partnership, double the amount provided in (a)
 19 of this subsection.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The following acts or parts of acts are
 21 each repealed:

- 22 (1) 2023 c 393 s 6 (uncodified); and
- 23 (2) 2021 c 50 s 4 (uncodified).

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate
 25 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
 26 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
 27 effect July 1, 2025.

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