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1 AN ACT Relating to collection of debts owed the state; and amending
2 RCW 43.17.240.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.17.240 and 1991 c 85 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Interest at the rate of one percent per month, or fraction
7 thereof, shall accrue on debts owed to the state, starting on the date
8 the debts become past due.

9 (2) Every state agency shall assign all debts owed to the state
10 under an express contract that are at least ninety days past due to a
11 collection agency licensed under chapter 19.16 RCW. An assignment of
12 debts owed to the state under this subsection must comply with the
13 requirements of personal services contracts entered under chapter 39.29
14 RCW.

15 (3) This section does not apply to: ~~((+1))~~ (a) Any instance where
16 such interest rate or assignment would conflict with the provisions of
17 a contract or with the provisions of any other law; or ~~((+2))~~ (b)
18 debts to be paid by other governmental units. The office of financial
19 management may adopt rules specifying circumstances under which state

1 agencies may waive this collection assignment or interest, such as when
2 assessment or collection of interest would not be cost-effective. This
3 section does not affect any authority of the state to charge or collect
4 interest under any other law on a debt owed to the state by a
5 governmental unit. Subsection (1) of this section applies only to
6 debts ((which)) that become due on or after July 28, 1991. Subsection
7 (2) of this section applies only to debts that become due on or after
8 the effective date of this act.

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