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By Senator Madsen.

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- AN ACT Relating to penalties for littering; amending RCW 70.93.060
- 2 and 70.93.070; and prescribing penalties.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 Sec. 1. RCW 70.93.060 and 1983 c 277 s 1 are each amended to read
- 5 as follows:
- 6 No person shall throw, drop, deposit, discard, or otherwise dispose
- 7 of litter upon any public property in the state or upon private
- 8 property in this state not owned by him or in the waters of this state
- 9 whether from a vehicle or otherwise including but not limited to any
- 10 public highway, public park, beach, campground, forest land,
- 11 recreational area, trailer park, highway, road, street, or alley
- 12 except:
- 13 (1) When such property is designated by the state or by any of its
- 14 agencies or political subdivisions for the disposal of garbage and

- $1\,$ refuse, and such person is authorized to use such property for such
- 2 purpose;
- 3 (2) Into a litter receptacle in such a manner that the litter will
- 4 be prevented from being carried away or deposited by the elements upon
- 5 any part of said private or public property or waters.
- 6 Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty
- 7 of a misdemeanor and the fine for such violation shall not be less than
- 8 ((fifty)) one thousand dollars for each offense. In addition thereto,
- 9 except where infirmity or age or other circumstance would create a
- 10 hardship, such person shall be directed by the court in which
- 11 conviction is obtained to pick up and remove litter from public
- 12 property and/or private property, with prior permission of the legal
- 13 owner, for not less than eight hours nor more than sixteen hours for
- 14 each separate offense. The court shall schedule the time to be spent
- 15 on such activities in such a manner that it does not interfere with the
- 16 person's employment and does not interfere substantially with the
- 17 person's family responsibilities.
- 18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.93.070 and 1983 c 277 s 2 are each amended to read
- 19 as follows:
- 20 The director shall prescribe the procedures for the collection of
- 21 fines and bail forfeitures including the imposition of additional
- 22 penalty charges for late payment of fines. Included in the procedures
- 23 shall be provisions requiring the distribution of ((one-half of)) the
- 24 amount of fines collected under the enforcement provisions of this
- 25 chapter by a $((\frac{1ocal}{}))$ governmental agency to that $((\frac{1ocal}{}))$
- 26 governmental agency.