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1 AN ACT Relating to mandatory mediation for estate dispute
2 resolution; and adding a new section to chapter 11.76 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 11.76 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A civil action in which a party is a beneficiary to a will, or
7 claims to be a beneficiary to a will, and is contesting the
8 distribution of the will estate is subject to mandatory mediation under
9 this section. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees must be assessed
10 against a party appealing from the award granted under this subsection
11 who fails to improve his or her position on the trial de novo.

12 (2) The supreme court shall adopt rules for procedures to implement
13 mandatory mediation of actions under this section.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If any provision of this act or its
15 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the

1 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
2 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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