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1 AN ACT Relating to inmate fees; adding a new section to chapter
2 72.01 RCW; prescribing penalties; providing an effective date; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 72.01 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The community restoration fee is created making a person
8 incarcerated at a municipal, county, or state facility, by virtue of a
9 court decree, liable for costs incurred for the incarceration. The
10 incarcerated person must reimburse costs to a municipality, county, or
11 state as stated below:

12 (a) Municipalities and counties may demand a community restoration
13 fee of no more than the average daily cost of incarceration from
14 inmates in their detention facilities.

15 (b) The state of Washington may demand a community restoration fee
16 in an amount of no more than the average daily cost of incarceration
17 from inmates in a state penal facility.

1 Demand for payment must be given to the inmate at the time of
2 release from confinement, with a reasonable date set for restitution to
3 be made.

4 (2) Inmates, upon termination of their sentence, will be notified
5 in writing by the appropriate authority of municipalities, counties, or
6 the state of Washington of the costs incurred as a community
7 restoration fee. Payment must be made to the municipality, county, or
8 state on the date specified, or suitable arrangements for payment must
9 be made and all agreements for payment are binding. Failure to pay the
10 amount demanded or failure to adhere to payment arrangements
11 constitutes a gross misdemeanor punishable under the penal code.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
14 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
15 July 1, 1997.

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