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1 AN ACT Relating to satisfaction of judgments; and amending RCW
2 4.56.100.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.56.100 and 1997 c 358 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) When any judgment for the payment of money only shall have been
7 paid or satisfied, the clerk of the court in which such judgment was
8 rendered shall note upon the record in the execution docket
9 satisfaction thereof giving the date of such satisfaction upon either
10 the payment to such clerk of the amount of such judgment, costs and
11 interest and any accrued costs by reason of the issuance of any
12 execution, or the filing with such clerk of a satisfaction entitled in
13 such action and identifying the same executed by the judgment creditor
14 or his or her attorney of record in such action or his or her assignee
15 acknowledged as deeds are acknowledged. The clerk has the authority to
16 note the satisfaction of judgments for criminal and juvenile legal
17 financial obligations when the clerk's record indicates payment in full
18 or as directed by the court. Every satisfaction of judgment and every
19 partial satisfaction of judgment which provides for the payment of

1 money shall clearly designate the judgment creditor and his or her
2 attorney if any, the judgment debtor, the amount or type of
3 satisfaction, whether the satisfaction is full or partial, the cause
4 number, and the date of entry of the judgment. A certificate by such
5 clerk of the entry of such satisfaction by him or her may be filed in
6 the office of the clerk of any county in which an abstract of such
7 judgment has been filed. When so satisfied by the clerk or the filing
8 of such certificate the lien of such judgment shall be discharged.

9 (2) The department of social and health services shall file a
10 satisfaction of judgment for welfare fraud conviction if a person does
11 not pay money through the clerk as required under subsection (1) of
12 this section.

13 (3) The department of corrections shall file a satisfaction of
14 judgment if a person does not pay money through the clerk's office as
15 required under subsection (1) of this section.

16 (4) If the judgment creditor fails to file an acknowledgment of
17 satisfaction of the judgment with the court as required under
18 subsection (1) of this section within sixty days of receiving payment
19 when the judgment debtor pays the judgment creditor rather than the
20 court, the judgment creditor shall be liable:

21 (a) For an amount equal to interest on the amount of such judgment
22 computed at twelve percent per year from the sixty-first day after the
23 payment of the judgment by the judgment debtor until the judgment
24 creditor acknowledges the satisfaction with the court as required under
25 subsection (1) of this section; and

26 (b) For actual damages or two hundred fifty dollars, whichever is
27 greater, and any costs and attorneys' fees associated with actions
28 taken by the judgment debtor to get the satisfaction properly
29 acknowledged by the court under subsection (1) of this section.

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