
HOUSE BILL 2773

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1 AN ACT Relating to enforcement of court-ordered financial
2 obligations; and adding a new section to chapter 3.66 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 3.66 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 All court-ordered financial obligations that are ordered as a
7 result of a conviction for a criminal offense in a court of limited
8 jurisdiction may be enforced in the same manner as a judgment in a
9 civil action by the party or entity to whom the legal financial
10 obligation is owed. The judgment and sentence must identify the party
11 or entity to whom restitution is owed so that the state, party, or
12 entity may enforce the judgment.

13 All court-ordered financial obligations may be enforced at any time
14 during the ten-year period following the offender's release from total
15 confinement or within ten years of entry of the judgment and sentence,
16 whichever period is longer. Prior to the expiration of the initial
17 ten-year period, the court may extend the criminal judgment an
18 additional ten years for payment of court-ordered financial
19 obligations.

1 The party or entity to whom the court-ordered financial obligation
2 is owed has the authority to utilize any other remedies available to
3 the party or entity to collect the court-ordered financial obligation.

4 Nothing in this section is to be construed to deprive the court of
5 determining whether the offender's failure to pay the legal financial
6 obligation constitutes a violation of a condition of probation or
7 imposing a sanction upon the offender if such a violation is found.

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