
HOUSE BILL 2176

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By Representatives Ruderman and Lambert

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1 AN ACT Relating to fees for locating unclaimed property; and
2 amending RCW 63.29.350.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 63.29.350 and 1983 c 179 s 35 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) It is unlawful for any person to seek or receive from any
7 person or contract with any person for any fee or compensation for
8 locating or purporting to locate any property which he or she knows has
9 been reported or paid or delivered to the department of revenue
10 pursuant to this chapter in excess of:

11 (a) Five percent of the property's value ((thereof returned to such
12 owner)) during the twenty-four month period beginning when the property
13 is paid or delivered to the department; or

14 (b) Fifteen percent of the property's value for the period
15 beginning twenty-four months after the property is paid or delivered to
16 the department.

17 (2) Any person violating this section is guilty of a misdemeanor
18 and shall be fined not less than the amount of the fee or charge he or
19 she has sought or received or contracted for, and not more than ten

- 1 times such amount, or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or
- 2 both.

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