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By Senators Johnson, Kline and Constantine

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1            AN ACT Relating to updating creditor/debtor personal property  
2 exemptions; and amending RCW 6.15.010.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 6.15.010 and 1991 c 112 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            Except as provided in RCW 6.15.050, the following personal  
7 property shall be exempt from execution, attachment, and  
8 garnishment:

9            (1) All wearing apparel of every individual and family, but not  
10 to exceed one thousand dollars in value in furs, jewelry, and  
11 personal ornaments for any individual.

12            (2) All private libraries of every individual, but not to  
13 exceed fifteen hundred dollars in value, and all family pictures  
14 and keepsakes.

15            (3) To each individual or, as to community property of spouses  
16 maintaining a single household as against a creditor of the  
17 community, to the community:

18            (a) The individual's or community's household goods,

1 appliances, furniture, and home and yard equipment, not to exceed  
2 two thousand seven hundred dollars in value for the individual or  
3 five thousand four hundred dollars for the community, said amount  
4 to include provisions and fuel for the comfortable maintenance of  
5 the individual or community;

6 (b) Other personal property, except personal earnings as  
7 provided under RCW 6.15.050(1), not to exceed ~~((one))~~ two thousand  
8 dollars in value, of which not more than one ~~((hundred))~~ thousand  
9 dollars in value may consist of cash, and of which not more than  
10 one ~~((hundred))~~ thousand dollars in value may consist of bank  
11 accounts, savings and loan accounts, stocks, bonds, or other  
12 securities; ~~((and))~~

13 (c) ~~((Two))~~ For an individual, a motor ~~((vehicles))~~ vehicle  
14 used for personal transportation, not to exceed two thousand five  
15 hundred dollars ~~((in aggregate value))~~ or for a community two  
16 motor vehicles used for personal transportation, not to exceed  
17 five thousand dollars in aggregate value;

18 (d) Any funds traceable to and the debtor's right to receive  
19 child support;

20 (e) All professionally prescribed health aids for the debtor or  
21 a dependant of the debtor; and

22 (f) To any individual, a payment not to exceed sixteen thousand  
23 one hundred fifty dollars on account of personal bodily injury,  
24 not including pain and suffering or compensation for actual  
25 pecuniary loss, of the debtor or an individual of whom the debtor  
26 is a dependent; or a payment in compensation of loss of future  
27 earnings of the debtor or an individual of whom the debtor is or  
28 was a dependent, to the extent reasonably necessary for the  
29 support of the debtor and any dependent of the debtor.

30 (4) To each qualified individual, one of the following  
31 exemptions:

32 (a) To a farmer, farm trucks, farm stock, farm tools, farm  
33 equipment, supplies and seed, not to exceed five thousand dollars  
34 in value;

35 (b) To a physician, surgeon, attorney, clergyman, or other  
36 professional person, the individual's library, office furniture,  
37 office equipment and supplies, not to exceed five thousand dollars  
38 in value;

1           (c) To any other individual, the tools and instruments and  
2 materials used to carry on his or her trade for the support of  
3 himself or herself or family, not to exceed five thousand dollars  
4 in value.

5           For purposes of this section, "value" means the reasonable  
6 market value of the debtor's interest in an article or item at the  
7 time it is selected for exemption, exclusive of all liens and  
8 encumbrances thereon.

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