
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6764

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1 AN ACT Relating to accrual of interest on judgments founded on
2 tortious conduct; amending RCW 4.56.110; and creating a new section.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.56.110 and 2004 c 185 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Interest on judgments shall accrue as follows:

7 (1) Judgments founded on written contracts, providing for the
8 payment of interest until paid at a specified rate, shall bear interest
9 at the rate specified in the contracts: PROVIDED, That said interest
10 rate is set forth in the judgment.

11 (2) All judgments for unpaid child support that have accrued under
12 a superior court order or an order entered under the administrative
13 procedure act shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent.

14 (3) Judgments founded on the tortious conduct of (~~individuals or~~
15 ~~other entities, whether acting in their personal or representative~~
16 ~~capacities,)) a nonprofit or charitable organization employing fewer
17 than fifty people, a business employing fewer than fifty people, or a
18 "public agency" as defined in RCW 42.30.020 shall bear interest from
19 the date of entry at two percentage points above the equivalent coupon~~

1 issue yield, as published by the board of governors of the federal
2 reserve system, of the average bill rate for twenty-six week treasury
3 bills as determined at the first bill market auction conducted during
4 the calendar month immediately preceding the date of entry. In any
5 case where a court is directed on review to enter judgment on a verdict
6 or in any case where a judgment entered on a verdict is wholly or
7 partly affirmed on review, interest on the judgment or on that portion
8 of the judgment affirmed shall date back to and shall accrue from the
9 date the verdict was rendered.

10 (4) Except as provided under subsections (1), (2), and (3) of this
11 section, judgments shall bear interest from the date of entry at the
12 maximum rate permitted under RCW 19.52.020 on the date of entry
13 thereof. In any case where a court is directed on review to enter
14 judgment on a verdict or in any case where a judgment entered on a
15 verdict is wholly or partly affirmed on review, interest on the
16 judgment or on that portion of the judgment affirmed shall date back to
17 and shall accrue from the date the verdict was rendered. The method
18 for determining an interest rate prescribed by this subsection is also
19 the method for determining the "rate applicable to civil judgments" for
20 purposes of RCW 10.82.090.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act may be known and cited as the
22 appellate congestion reduction act.

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