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1 AN ACT Relating to enforcement of small claims court judgments;
2 and amending RCW 12.40.105.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 12.40.105 and 2019 c 251 s 5 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Upon the judge's entry of judgment in a small claims action,
7 the judgment is certified as a district court civil judgment and
8 shall be increased by: (a) The amount specified in RCW 36.18.012(2);
9 (b) any post judgment interest provided for in RCW 4.56.110 and
10 19.52.020; and (c) any other costs incurred by the prevailing party
11 to enforce the judgment, including but not limited to reasonable
12 attorneys' fees, without regard to the jurisdictional limits on the
13 small claims department.

14 (2) The clerk of the small claims department shall enter the
15 civil judgment on the judgment docket of the district court; and, as
16 in other judgments of district courts, once the judgment is entered
17 on the district court's docket garnishment, execution, and other
18 process on execution provided by law may issue thereon.

19 (3) A certified copy of the district court judgment shall be
20 provided to the prevailing party for no additional fee.

1 (4) The prevailing party may file a transcript of the district
2 court civil judgment or a certified copy of the district court
3 judgment with superior courts for entry in the superior courts' lien
4 dockets with like effect as in other cases.

5 (5) The prevailing party may not enforce the judgment for thirty
6 days from the date of entry unless otherwise ordered by the court.

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