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SENATE BILL 5130

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By Senators Talmadge and A. Smith

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1            AN ACT Relating to attorneys' fees; and amending RCW 4.84.250.

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

3            **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.84.250 and 1984 c 258 s 88 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5            Notwithstanding any other provisions of chapter 4.84 RCW and RCW  
6 12.20.060, in any action for damages where the amount pleaded by the  
7 ~~((prevailing party as hereinafter defined))~~ plaintiff or party seeking  
8 relief, exclusive of costs, is ~~((seven))~~ ten thousand ~~((five hundred))~~  
9 dollars or less, there shall be taxed and allowed to the prevailing  
10 party as a part of the costs of the action a reasonable amount to be  
11 fixed by the court as attorneys' fees. ~~((After July 1, 1985, the~~  
12 ~~maximum amount of the pleading under this section shall be ten thousand~~  
13 ~~dollars.))~~ If no specific amount is pleaded in the original pleading,  
14 or if a settlement offer by the plaintiff or party seeking relief is  
15 lower than the amount pleaded in the original pleading, then the lowest  
16 settlement offer by the plaintiff or party seeking relief under RCW  
17 4.84.280 shall be considered the "amount pleaded" under this section.

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