
SENATE BILL 5140

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By Senator Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to the measure of damages to a motor vehicle; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 4.56 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 4.56 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 In an action seeking damages for property damage to a motor
7 vehicle, the measure of damages is the reasonable cost of repair or the
8 difference between the value of the vehicle immediately before the
9 damage occurred and the value after the damage occurred, whichever is
10 less, plus a reasonable amount of damages for loss of use of the
11 vehicle or the amount reasonably expended on a temporary replacement
12 vehicle at not less than fifteen dollars per day for the time period in
13 which the repairs can be reasonably completed. When the cost to repair
14 or replace the damaged motor vehicle exceeds the value of the vehicle
15 immediately before the damage occurred, damages for the loss of use of
16 the vehicle are limited to a reasonable amount for a temporary

1 replacement vehicle until the defendant has tendered a reasonable
2 offer.

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