CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6575

61st Legislature 2010 Regular Session

CERTIFICATE
I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington do hereby certify that the attached
is SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6575 as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the
dates hereon set forth.
Secretary
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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Kline, Franklin, and McDermott)

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to recommendations of the joint legislative task
- force on the underground economy; amending RCW 18.27.340 and 18.27.070;
- 3 reenacting and amending RCW 60.28.040; adding new sections to chapter
- 4 18.27 RCW; prescribing penalties; and providing an effective date.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.27.340 and 1997 c 314 s 17 are each amended to read 7 as follows:
 - (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, a contractor found to have committed an infraction under RCW 18.27.200 shall be assessed a monetary penalty of not less than two hundred dollars and not more than five thousand dollars.
- 12 (2) The director may waive collection in favor of payment of restitution to a consumer complainant.
- 14 (3) A contractor found to have committed an infraction under RCW
 15 18.27.200 for failure to register shall be assessed a fine of not less
 16 than one thousand dollars, nor more than five thousand dollars. For a
- 17 <u>first offense, the director may reduce the penalty for failure to</u>
- 18 register, but in no case below five hundred dollars, if the person $\underline{\cdot}$
- 19 <u>Becomes registered within ten days of receiving a notice of infraction</u>

- 1 ((and the notice of infraction is for a first offense)); and registers
- 2 for a department-approved contractor training class under section 2 of
- 3 this act within ten days of receiving a notice of infraction, completes
- 4 the class within one hundred twenty days of receiving the notice of
- 5 <u>infraction</u>, and pays any required class fees upon class registration.
- 6 (4) <u>Until July 1, 2011, m</u>onetary penalties collected under this
- 7 chapter shall be deposited in the general fund. Beginning July 1,
- 8 2011, monetary penalties and class fees collected under this chapter
- 9 shall be deposited in the contractor registration account created in
- 10 section 4 of this act.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.27 RCW to read as follows:
- The department will approve or conduct contractor training classes
- 14 and charge a fee, payable upon class registration, that covers the
- 15 costs of administering the class. The department may adopt rules
- 16 relating to the number of classes to be offered by the department, the
- 17 locations of these classes, class fees, and curriculum. In determining
- 18 the locations of these classes, the department may consider offering
- 19 online classes and ensure that classes are reasonably accessible in
- 20 eastern and western Washington. The department shall deposit all fees
- 21 in the contractor registration account created in section 4 of this
- 22 act.
- 23 Sec. 3. RCW 18.27.070 and 1997 c 314 s 7 are each amended to read
- 24 as follows:
- 25 <u>(1)</u> The department shall charge fees for issuance, renewal, and
- 26 reinstatement of certificates of registration; and changes of name,
- 27 address, or business structure. The department shall set the fees by
- 28 rule.
- 29 (2) The entire amount of the fees are to be used solely to cover
- 30 the full cost of issuing certificates, filing papers and notices, and
- 31 administering and enforcing this chapter. The costs shall include
- 32 reproduction, travel, per diem, and administrative and legal support
- 33 costs.
- 34 (3) The department shall deposit all fees in the contractor
- 35 registration account created in section 4 of this act.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 18.27 RCW to read as follows:

The contractor registration account is created in the state treasury. The department shall deposit in the account all moneys from registrations, renewals, or civil penalties assessed and collected under this chapter. Appropriations from the account may be made only for the purposes of administration and enforcement of this chapter, including conducting contractor training classes under section 2 of this act.

- Sec. 5. RCW 60.28.040 and 2009 c 432 s 7 and 2009 c 219 s 7 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- (1) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, the amount of all taxes, increases, and penalties due or to become due under Title 82 RCW, from a contractor or the contractor's successors or assignees with respect to a public improvement contract wherein the contract price is thirty-five thousand dollars or more, shall be a lien prior to all other liens upon the amount of the retained percentage withheld by the disbursing officer under such contract.
- (2) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, after payment of all taxes, increases, and penalties due or to become due under Title 82 RCW, from a contractor or the contractor's successors or assignees with respect to a public improvement contract wherein the contract price is ((twenty)) thirty-five thousand dollars or more, the amount of all other taxes, increases, and penalties under Title 82 RCW, due and owing from the contractor, shall be a lien prior to all other liens upon the amount of the retained percentage withheld by the disbursing officer under such contract.
- (3) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, after payment of all taxes, increases, and penalties due or to become due under Title 82 RCW, the amount of all taxes, increases, and penalties due or to become due under Titles 50 and 51 RCW from the contractor or the contractor's successors or assignees with respect to a public improvement contract wherein the contract price is ((twenty)) thirty-five thousand dollars or more, shall be a lien prior to all other liens upon the amount of the retained percentage withheld by the disbursing officer under such contract.

- (4) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, the amount of all other taxes, increases, and penalties due and owing from the contractor shall be a lien upon the balance of such retained percentage remaining in the possession of the disbursing officer after all other statutory lien claims have been paid.
- (5) The employees of a contractor or the contractor's successors or assignees who have not been paid the prevailing wage under such a public improvement contract shall have a first priority lien against the bond or retainage prior to all other liens.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Sections 3 and 4 of this act take effect 11 July 1, 2011.

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