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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

AN ACT Relating to the imposition of a "corruption tax" upon all Washington state bar associates based on the number of grievances filed with the Washington state bar and commission on judicial conduct; and adding a new chapter to Title 82 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act is necessary because public corruption threatens the peace and tranquility of all Washington state citizens. The cost is enormous: Life, liberty, and property are stripped from citizens under color of law; public resources are consumed when corrupt acts are litigated by courts over many years; and jury verdicts against government further penalize all citizens for the acts of a few. What we find when you peel back the layers of corrupt government is that lawyers are at the core of the rotten onion. These corrupt lawyers have managed to engineer their role in our society making it difficult to find them as they protect each other by their common association while they use citizens as their play toys for their own profit. Each lawyer, whether as a judge, officer of the court, or in public service has an obligation to

society under their respective codes of conduct to "self-regulate" to insure lawyers and judges obey the law and behave in an honorable manner. When an association of individuals, such as the association of lawyers under the Washington state bar, is self-regulated, they assume the legal liability to "self-regulate" for the benefit of society, not to rape society for their profit. A "corruption tax" upon Washington state bar associates in order to recover public funds misappropriated by the corrupt members is necessary until the legal profession honors their duty to society and regulates their members to insure the public peace and tranquility in fighting corrupt public conduct.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A "corruption tax" is levied upon all Washington state bar associates based upon income as provided in this section.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "income" means "combined disposable income" as defined in RCW 84.36.383(4).

(3) For Washington state bar associates who are not judges, the tax rate on income under this section is imposed at the percentage determined by dividing the number of grievances filed with the Washington state bar ~~divided~~ by the number of active Washington state bar associates in the tax year.

(4) For Washington state bar associates who are also judges, the tax rate on income under this section is imposed at the percentage determined by dividing the number of grievances filed with the commission on judicial conduct ~~divided~~ by the number of judicial positions authorized in the tax year; plus the percentage found in subsection ~~(2)~~(3) of this section.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This chapter is the complete authority for the accomplishment of purposes authorized in this section, and must be liberally construed to accomplish its purposes. Any act inconsistent with this chapter is deemed modified to conform to the provisions of this chapter.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 82 RCW.

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