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**SENATE BILL 5110**

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**State of Washington**

**68th Legislature**

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**By** Senator Keiser

Prefiled 12/29/22.

1 AN ACT Relating to adding penalties for certain prohibited  
2 practices in chapter 49.44 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 49.44  
3 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 49.44  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 Unless a criminal or civil penalty is otherwise specified for a  
8 violation in this chapter, a person aggrieved by a violation of a  
9 provision in this chapter may bring a civil action in a court of  
10 competent jurisdiction. The court may:

11 (1) Award any prevailing party bringing an action injunctive  
12 relief, actual damages, a penalty of no less than \$500 and no more  
13 than \$1,000, and reasonable attorneys' fees; and

14 (2) Pursuant to RCW 4.84.185, award any prevailing party against  
15 whom an action has been brought for a violation of this chapter  
16 reasonable expenses and attorneys' fees upon final judgment and  
17 written findings by the trial judge that the action was frivolous and  
18 advanced without reasonable cause.

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