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state bar; attorney charges; damages

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SENATE BILL 1566

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 12-353; RELATING TO THE RECOVERY OF COSTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 12, chapter 3, article 5, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 12-353, to read:

4 12-353. Recovery of costs; attorney discipline
5 investigations; definition

6 A. IN ADDITION TO ANY COSTS THAT ARE AWARDED BY STATUTE, IF THE
7 STATE BAR OF ARIZONA DOES NOT PREVAIL IN THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF AN
8 ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE MATTER, THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA IS RESPONSIBLE TO THE
9 ATTORNEY WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE CHARGE FOR ANY ATTORNEY FEES,
10 INVESTIGATION AND COURT COSTS, ANY LOSS OF FUTURE EARNINGS AND DAMAGE TO
11 THE ATTORNEY'S REPUTATION. COURT COSTS INCLUDE THE COST OF ALL STAGES OF
12 THE INVESTIGATION AND DISCIPLINE PROCESS AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY COURT
13 LITIGATION AND APPEAL.

14 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE MATTER"
15 MEANS ANY CHARGE THAT IS NOT DISMISSED BY THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA AFTER A
16 COMPLAINT IS FILED AGAINST THE ATTORNEY.