CHAPTER 226

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

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

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

A. IN AN ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE MATTER, IF AN ATTORNEY WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE CHARGE PREVAILS, IN ADDITION TO ANY COSTS THAT ARE AWARDED BY STATUTE, THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA IS RESPONSIBLE TO THE ATTORNEY FOR ANY ATTORNEY FEES AND COURT COSTS. COURT COSTS INCLUDE THE COST OF ALL STAGES OF THE INVESTIGATION AND DISCIPLINE PROCESS AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY COURT LITIGATION AND APPEAL.

B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE MATTER" MEANS ANY CHARGE THAT IS NOT DISMISSED BY THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA BEFORE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE COMPLAINT BY THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE OR THE SUPREME COURT.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 9, 2022.