

1 **AWARDING OF ATTORNEY FEES**

2 2009 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Stephen H. Urquhart**

5 House Sponsor: Brad L. Dee

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill limits when a court may award attorney fees.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

12 ▶ provides that attorney fees may not be awarded under the private attorney general
13 doctrine.

14 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

15 None

16 **Other Special Clauses:**

17 None

18 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

19 ENACTS:

20 **78B-5-825.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

22 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

23 Section 1. Section **78B-5-825.5** is enacted to read:

24 **78B-5-825.5. Attorney fees -- Private attorney general doctrine disavowed.**

25 A court may not award attorney fees under the private attorney general doctrine in any
26 action filed after May 12, 2009.