

## Session 120 - (2013-2014)

### S 0788 General Bill, By Massey

#### **Summary:** Noneconomic damages limit

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 15-32-220 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO NONECONOMIC DAMAGES LIMIT, TO PROVIDE FOR PERSONAL INJURY ACTIONS AGAINST DEFENDANTS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 32, TITLE 15, RELATING TO DAMAGES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-32-250, TO PROVIDE FOR PLEADINGS IN CLAIMS FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-32-260, TO PROVIDE FOR BIFURCATED TRIALS FOR AWARD OF DAMAGES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-32-270, TO LIMIT PUNITIVE DAMAGES, AND BY ADDING SECTION 15-35-280, TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS FOR AWARDED PUNITIVE DAMAGES; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 32, TITLE 15, RELATING TO PUNITIVE DAMAGES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 27, RELATING TO LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF LANDOWNERS, TO DEFINE TERMS RELATING TO THE CHAPTER AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LIABILITY OF AN OWNER, LESSEE, OR OCCUPANT OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND REAL PROPERTY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-106, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF LOANS, TO PROVIDE THAT A LOAN INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF A CASH ADVANCE OR FUNDS TO A PERSON IN EXCHANGE FOR THAT PERSON ASSIGNING, CONVEYING, OR OTHERWISE CONFERRING, TO THE PERSON OR ENTITY ADVANCING THE CASH ADVANCE OR FUNDS, THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE THE PROCEEDS, OR PART THEREOF, OF THE SETTLEMENT, INSURANCE PAYMENT, OR AWARD OF DAMAGES.

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