DIGEST

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HB 435 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides a limitation on recovery of general damages in certain circumstances.

Proposed law defines "general damages" and "special damages".

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that in a suit for damages arising from a delictual action, the tortfeasor shall not be required to pay an amount in excess of \$5,000,000 for general damages to any one claimant or plaintiff.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the jury shall not be advised of the limitations imposed by <u>proposed law</u> but the courts shall appropriately reduce any award of general damages that exceed the limitation.

<u>Proposed law</u> shall not be construed as creating a cause of action or setting forth elements of or types of damages that are or not recoverable in any delictual action provided for in the Civil Code.

(Adds R.S. 22:1899)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure</u> to the original bill:

1. Change applicability of <u>proposed law from</u> claims filed under a liability policy <u>to</u> suits for damages arising from a delictual action.