
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the award of exemplary damages in actions involving unauthorized aliens and establishes liabilities for employers.

Proposed law defines "unauthorized alien" as a person who is unlawfully present in the U.S. according to the federal Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

Proposed law authorizes the award of exemplary damages, in addition to general and special damages, when the authorized alien is held liable for damages.

Proposed law provides that proposed law applies to the unauthorized alien and the unauthorized alien's employer or statutory employer.

(Adds C.C. Art. 2315.14)