

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 339

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

EVIDENCE: Provides relative to motions for summary judgment

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 966(G), relative to motions for
3 summary judgment; to provide relative to the admission of evidence; to provide
4 relative to fault; to provide for the admission of evidence of a principal acting
5 pursuant to a mandate; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 966(G) is hereby amended and reenacted
8 to read as follows:

9 Art. 966. Motion for summary judgment; procedure

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11 G. When the court ~~grants a motion for~~ renders summary judgment in
12 accordance with the provisions of this Article; that a party or ~~non-party~~ nonparty is
13 not negligent, is not at fault, or did not cause in whole or in part the injury or harm
14 alleged, that party or ~~non-party~~ nonparty shall not be considered in any subsequent
15 allocation of fault. Evidence shall not be admitted at trial to establish the fault of that
16 party or ~~non-party~~ nonparty except that evidence may be admitted to establish the
17 fault of a principal when the party or nonparty acted pursuant to a mandate. During
18 the course of the trial, no party or person shall refer directly or indirectly to any such
19 fault, nor shall that party or ~~non-party's~~ nonparty's fault be submitted to the jury or

1 included on the jury verdict form except where evidence is admitted of the acts of
 2 the party or nonparty for purposes of establishing the fault of the party or nonparty's
 3 principal. This Paragraph does not apply if the trial or appellate court's judgment
 4 rendered in accordance with this Article is reversed. If the judgment is reversed by
 5 an appellate court, the reversal is applicable to all parties.

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DIGEST

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HB 339 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to the admission of evidence at trial for the fault of a principal pursuant to a mandate.

Present law provides relative to motions for summary judgment.

Present law provides that when a court grants a motion for summary judgment that a party or nonparty is not negligent, is not at fault, or did not cause the injury or harm alleged, the party or nonparty shall not be considered in any subsequent allocation of fault.

Present law provides that evidence shall not be admitted at trial, submitted to the jury, or included on the jury verdict form to establish fault of the party.

Proposed law provides for the admission of evidence to establish the fault of a principal when the party or nonparty acted pursuant to a mandate.

Proposed law provides that proposed law does not apply if the judgment of an appellate court is reversed.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 966(G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide that acts of the party or nonparty may be admitted for the purposes of establishing the fault of the party or nonparty's principal.