

Amendment Summary

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Caps punitive damages in cases against personal care homes, assisted living communities, long-term care nursing facilities and any officer, employee or agent of the aforementioned entities at 200% of the compensatory damages awarded.

Punitive damages, when awarded, shall not be less than \$100,000 unless a lower verdict amount is returned by the trier of fact.

This is consistent with the cap currently placed on punitive damages awarded against physicians.

The amendment also adds assisted living facilities to the study required in the bill and changes the effective date to 60 days for the cap added by this amendment and immediately for the remainder of the bill.