

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 747

Sponsor:

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 15, by inserting after "repeals,"
2 in medical professional liability, further providing for
3 punitive damages; and
4 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 19 through 21, by striking out all
5 of said lines and inserting
6 Section 1. Section 505(d) of the act of March 20, 2002
7 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and
8 Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, is amended to read:
9 Section 505. Punitive damages.
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11 (d) Total amount of damages.--Except in cases alleging
12 intentional misconduct or violation of Federal or State law or
13 regulation, punitive damages against an individual physician
14 shall not exceed 200% of the compensatory damages awarded.
15 Punitive damages, when awarded, shall not be less than \$100,000
16 unless a lower verdict amount is returned by the trier of fact.
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18 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a chapter to read:
19 Amend Bill, page 2, line 15, by striking out "2" and
20 inserting
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