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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE
PREMIUMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) (a) No claimant in an action,
2 filed on or after October 1, 2003, against a health care provider alleging
3 the negligence of such health care provider in the treatment or care of
4 the claimant who seeks to recover noneconomic damages resulting in
5 wrongful death or personal injury, wherein liability is admitted or
6 determined by the trier of fact, shall receive more than two hundred
7 fifty thousand dollars in noneconomic damages. Damages for
8 economic damages shall continue to be entered by the trier of fact in
9 amounts determined by the trier of fact.

10 (b) For purposes of this section: (1) "Economic damages" means
11 payment for actual damages which are found by the trier of fact to
12 have resulted from the negligence of a health care provider in the
13 treatment or care of the claimant, and includes payment for lost wages,
14 medical bills and future medical costs resulting from the health care

15 provider's negligence; and (2) "noneconomic damages" means
16 payment for damages other than economic damages, including pain
17 and suffering.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]