



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6131**

LCO No. 1132

Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:

REP. HAMZY, 78th Dist.

**AN ACT REFORMING THE MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE LAWS.**

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to reduce medical malpractice  
2 insurance premiums by: (1) Requiring good faith certificates for  
3 apportionment complaints; (2) requiring review by a pretrial screening  
4 panel before an action may be filed; (3) limiting noneconomic damages  
5 to two hundred fifty thousand dollars; (4) reducing the interest  
6 assessed on certain offers of judgment that are rejected during the  
7 statutory timeframe; (5) requiring prior rate approval for medical  
8 malpractice insurance rate increases; (6) establishing physician  
9 disciplinary guidelines and patient screening protocols; (7) requiring  
10 reports of medical malpractice settlements to the Insurance  
11 Department and Department of Public Health; and (8) providing that  
12 the statutory sliding scale for attorney contingent fees may not be  
13 waived.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To enact reforms designed to reduce medical malpractice insurance premiums.