



General Assembly

January Session, 2013

Proposed Bill No. 5161

LCO No. 110

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
REP. HOVEY, 112th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE EVIDENTIARY STANDARD FOR
PUNITIVE DAMAGE AWARDS.**

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

- 1 That chapter 901 of the general statutes be amended to require a
- 2 plaintiff to establish, by clear and convincing evidence, that a
- 3 defendant acted in a wanton manner in order to recover punitive
- 4 damages.

Statement of Purpose:

To reform the tort system by requiring a plaintiff to establish, by clear and convincing evidence, that a defendant acted in a wanton manner in order to recover punitive damages.