



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5450

LCO No. 1873



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING ARBITRATION IN MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT CASES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014, and applicable to any civil*
2 *action pending on or filed on or after said date*) In any civil action where
3 the party who brought the action is asserting a claim for bodily injury
4 arising out of a motor vehicle accident, the court, at the request of all
5 parties to the civil action, may refer the action to an arbitrator chosen
6 by parties or their attorneys. The finding of the arbitrator shall be
7 binding upon the parties to the civil action exclusively for the purposes
8 of such civil action. The award of the arbitrator, if any, shall not be
9 used by or against any party to the arbitration in any subsequent civil
10 action or proceeding.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014, and applicable to any civil action pending on or filed on or after said date</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To permit parties to a civil action to elect to have the matter referred to an arbitrator.

[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.]