

House Bill 3167

Sponsored by Representative OLSON (at the request of Oregon Liability Reform Coalition)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Limits punitive damages in civil action to amount not to exceed three times amount of economic and noneconomic damages awarded to plaintiff in action.

Applies to all causes of action, whether arising before, on or after effective date of Act, except for causes of action for which judgment was entered before effective date of Act.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to punitive damages.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Punitive damages are not recoverable by a plaintiff in a civil action in an**
5 **amount in excess of three times the amount of the economic and noneconomic damages, as**
6 **those terms are defined in ORS 31.710, awarded to the plaintiff in the action.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, section 1 of this 2009**
8 **Act applies to all causes of action, whether arising before, on or after the effective date of**
9 **this 2009 Act.**

10 **(2) Section 1 of this 2009 Act does not apply to any cause of action for which a judgment**
11 **was entered before the effective date of this 2009 Act.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.