

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
84th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2003  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1038**  
""THE CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM ACT OF 2003.""  
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**Amendment No. 3 to House Bill No. 1038.**

Amend House Bill No. 1038 as engrossed, H1/24/03:

Add Representatives Bledsoe, Hutchinson, Pritchard, R. Smith, and Norton; and Senators Hendren and Holt as co-sponsors of the bill;

AND

Page 3, delete line 32 and substitute the following:

“(2) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).”;

AND

Page 3, line 35, delete "the plaintiff"

AND

Page 4, line 1, insert the following new subsection:

“(e) As to the punitive damage standard established in subsection (c)(2) of this section, the fixed sum shall be adjusted as of January 1, 2006, and as of January 1 at three-year intervals thereafter, at an annual rate in accordance with the Consumer Price Index rate as determined by the Administrative Office of the Courts.”;

AND

Page 7, delete lines 31 and 32 and substitute the following:

“the same type of license, which may be issued by the State of Arkansas or any other state, and shall state with particularity:”;

AND



Page 8, delete Section 17 and substitute the following:

“SECTION 17. Nothing in this act shall be construed to diminish or enlarge the powers or duties of a coroner or medical examiner.

SECTION 18. Applicability and severability.

(a) This act applies to all causes of action accruing on or after the effective date of this act.

(b) This act shall not apply to any action filed or cause of action accruing prior to the effective date of this act.

(c) If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.”

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

By: Representatives Ferguson, R. Smith

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Chief Clerk