Hall of the House of Representatives

84th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2003 Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1038

""THE CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM ACT OF 2003.""

Amendment No. 2 to House Bill No. 1038.

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

Add Representatives Bledsoe, Hutchinson and Norton 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 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 line 31 and substitute the following:

"the same type of license, which may be issued by the State of Arkansas or any other state, and the same board certification, if any, as the health care";

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. <u>Applicability.</u> (a) This act applies to all causes of action accruing on or <u>after the effective date of this act.</u> (b) This act shall not apply to any action filed or cause of <u>action accruing prior to the effective date of this act.</u>"

The Amendment was read By: Representatives Ferguson, R. Smith LDH/MHF - 012720030919 MHF027

Chief Clerk