

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 383 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY LANGERHOLC, PHILLIPS-HILL, J. WARD, DUSH,  
PENNYCUICK, STEFANO, LAUGHLIN AND VOGEL, FEBRUARY 28, 2025

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in matters affecting  
3 government units, further providing for limitations on  
4 damages relating to actions against Commonwealth parties and  
5 for limitations on damages relating to actions against local  
6 parties.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Sections 8528(b) and 8553(b) and (c)(2)(ii) of  
10 Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended  
11 to read:

12 § 8528. Limitations on damages.

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14 (b) Amount recoverable.--Damages arising from the same cause  
15 of action or transaction or occurrence or series of causes of  
16 action or transactions or occurrences shall not exceed \$250,000  
17 in favor of any plaintiff or \$1,000,000 in the aggregate[.],  
18 except in cases involving permanent dismemberment or death, in  
19 which case damages arising from the same cause of action or  
20 transaction or occurrence or series of causes of action or

1 transactions or occurrences shall not exceed \$1,000,000 in favor  
2 of any plaintiff or \$2,000,000 in the aggregate.

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4 § 8553. Limitations on damages.

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6 (b) Amounts recoverable.--Damages arising from the same  
7 cause of action or transaction or occurrence or series of causes  
8 of action or transactions or occurrences shall not exceed  
9 \$500,000 in the aggregate[.], except in cases involving  
10 permanent dismemberment or death, in which case damages arising  
11 from the same cause of action or transaction or occurrence or  
12 series of causes of action or transactions or occurrences shall  
13 not exceed \$1,000,000 in the aggregate.

14 (c) Types of losses recognized.--Damages shall be  
15 recoverable only for:

16 \* \* \*

17 (2) Pain and suffering in the following instances:

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19 (ii) only in cases of permanent loss of a bodily  
20 function, permanent disfigurement or permanent  
21 dismemberment where the medical and dental expenses  
22 referred to in paragraph (3) are in excess of [~~\$1,500~~]  
23 \$10,000.

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25 Section 2. This act shall apply to all causes of action or  
26 transactions or occurrences or series of causes of action or  
27 transactions or occurrences that occurred on or after the  
28 effective date of this section.

29 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.