

613.20 Limitation on liability for motor vehicle operation — felons.

1. Except as provided in [subsection 2](#), in an action to recover damages arising out of the operation or use of a motor vehicle, a person shall not recover noneconomic losses including but not limited to pain and suffering if the injured person was the operator of a motor vehicle, a passenger in a motor vehicle, or a pedestrian and the person's injuries were proximately caused by the person's commission of any felony, or immediate flight therefrom, and the injured person was duly convicted of that felony.

2. [This section](#) does not apply if the injured person is found to have no fault in the accident.

3. If a person injured in a motor vehicle accident has been formally charged with the violation of the felony referred to in [subsection 1](#), but a final determination regarding guilt has not been made, liability and uninsured and underinsured motorist insurers, to whom a claim for damages has been presented, shall advise the injured party that settlement of the claim will not be resolved until a final judgment is rendered on the charges. The injured party claiming damages shall provide evidence of the outcome of any criminal charges.

[2000 Acts, ch 1062, §1](#); [2025 Acts, ch 30, §96](#)

Subsection 1 amended