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Amend House File 490, as amended, passed, and 2 reprinted by the House, as follows:

- 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause 4 and inserting:
- <Section 1. Section 668.11, Code 2011, is amended 5 6 to read as follows:
- 668.11 Disclosure Designation of and certifications 8 by expert witnesses in liability cases involving 9 licensed professionals.
- 10 A party in a professional liability case brought 1. 11 against a licensed professional pursuant to this 12 chapter who intends to call an expert witness of their 13 the party's own selection, shall certify designate to 14 the court and all other parties the expert and include 15 the expert's name, and qualifications, and the purpose 16 for calling the expert, and the element or elements of 17 the cause of action about which the expert will testify 18 within the following time period:
- The plaintiff within one hundred eighty days of 20 the defendant's answer unless the court for good cause 21 not ex parte extends the time of disclosure.
- b. The defendant within ninety days of plaintiff's 23 certification.
- 2. If a party fails to disclose an expert pursuant 25 to subsection 1 or does not make the an expert 26 available for discovery, the expert shall be prohibited 27 from testifying in the action unless leave for the 28 expert's testimony is given by the court for good cause 29 shown.
- 3. This section does not apply to court appointed 31 experts or to rebuttal experts called with the approval 32 of the court.
- 4. a. An expert witness designated by the 34 plaintiff to testify about a breach of the standard of 35 care or causation of damages shall sign a certification 36 at the time of designation stating that to the best 37 of the expert's knowledge, information, and belief, 38 based on the information reasonably available to the 39 expert at the time of the certification, the expert has 40 a good-faith belief that the defendant or defendants 41 breached the applicable standard of care or that the 42 breach was the cause of the damages alleged or both, if 43 applicable.
- b. An expert shall be given an opportunity to 45 certify supplementary information if the substance of 46 the expert's testimony relating to a breach of the 47 standard of care or causation of damages has been 48 updated, revised, or changed since the time of the 49 original certification, in accordance with the rules 50 of civil procedure.

- 5. Upon motion, the court may limit the number of experts designated by a party to avoid unreasonably cumulative or duplicative evidence, undue burden or expense, or for other good cause.>
- 5 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 and 2 and 6 inserting <An Act relating to the designation of and 7 certifications by expert witnesses in liability cases 8 involving licensed professionals.>

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