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A BILL FOR

1 An Act imposing a limit on noneconomic damages in tort actions.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 Section 1. Section 668.3, Code 1995, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. In an action brought under this
4 chapter, a plaintiff shall not receive an award for
5 noneconomic damages of more than two hundred fifty thousand
6 dollars.

7 Sec. 2. Section 668.3, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
8 1995, is amended to read as follows:

9 a. The amount of damages each claimant will be entitled to
10 recover if contributory fault is disregarded. In making the
11 findings required by this paragraph, a claimant shall not be
12 entitled to receive noneconomic damages of more than two
13 hundred fifty thousand dollars.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill establishes a limit of \$250,000 on noneconomic
16 damages which may be awarded a party in a tort action.

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