

1 SENATE BILL
2 57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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10 AN ACT
11 RELATING TO TRIALS; LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF PUNITIVE DAMAGES
12 THAT CAN BE AWARDED IN A LEGAL ACTION.
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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

15 SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 39, Article 1 NMSA
16 1978 is enacted to read:

17 "[NEW MATERIAL] LIMITATION ON PUNITIVE DAMAGES.--

18 A. In any action in which compensatory damages are
19 awarded to the prevailing party, the punitive damage award
20 shall not exceed the amount of the compensatory damage award.

21 B. In any action in which punitive damages are
22 awarded to a prevailing party, the prevailing party may be
23 awarded the costs for reasonable attorney fees."

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