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H. F. No. 2298

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to insurance; limiting certain remedies of uninsured motorists; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 65B.51, subdivision 3.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 65B.51, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 3. **Limitation of damages for noneconomic detriment.** In an action
1.7 described in subdivision 1, no person shall recover damages for noneconomic detriment
1.8 unless:

1.9 (a) The sum of the following exceeds \$4,000:

1.10 (1) reasonable medical expense benefits paid, payable₂ or payable but for any
1.11 applicable deductible, plus

1.12 (2) the value of free medical or surgical care or ordinary and necessary nursing
1.13 services performed by a relative of the injured person or a member of the injured person's
1.14 household, plus

1.15 (3) the amount by which the value of reimbursable medical services or products
1.16 exceeds the amount of benefit paid, payable, or payable but for an applicable deductible
1.17 for those services or products if the injured person was charged less than the average
1.18 reasonable amount charged in this state for similar services or products, minus

1.19 (4) the amount of medical expense benefits paid, payable, or payable but for
1.20 an applicable deductible for diagnostic X-rays and for a procedure or treatment for
1.21 rehabilitation and not for remedial purposes or a course of rehabilitative occupational
1.22 training; or

1.23 (b) the injury results in:

1.24 (1) permanent disfigurement;

2.1 (2) permanent injury;

2.2 (3) death; or

2.3 (4) disability for 60 days or more.

2.4 (c) For the purposes of clause (a) evidence of the reasonable value of medical
2.5 services and products shall be admissible in any action brought in this state.

2.6 For the purposes of this subdivision disability means the inability to engage in
2.7 substantially all of the injured person's usual and customary daily activities.

2.8 (d) Except as provided in paragraph (f), in an action to recover damages arising out
2.9 of the operation or use of a motor vehicle, a person shall not recover noneconomic losses
2.10 to compensate for pain, suffering, inconvenience, physical impairment, disfigurement, and
2.11 other nonpecuniary damages if any of the following applies:

2.12 (1) the injured person was at the time of the accident operating the vehicle in
2.13 violation of sections 169A.20 to 169A.27 and was convicted of that offense;

2.14 (2) the injured person was the owner of a vehicle involved in the accident and the
2.15 vehicle was not insured as required by the financial responsibility laws of this state; or

2.16 (3) the injured person was the operator of a vehicle involved in the accident and the
2.17 operator cannot establish financial responsibility as required by the financial responsibility
2.18 laws of this state.

2.19 (e) Except as provided in paragraph (f), an insurer is not liable, directly or indirectly,
2.20 under a policy of liability or uninsured motorist insurance to indemnify for noneconomic
2.21 losses of a person injured as described in paragraph (d).

2.22 (f) In the event a person described in paragraph (d), clause (2), was injured by a
2.23 motorist who at the time of the accident was operating their vehicle in violation of sections
2.24 169A.20 to 169A.27 and was convicted of that offense, the injured person is not barred
2.25 from recovering noneconomic losses to compensate for pain, suffering, inconvenience,
2.26 physical impairment, disfigurement, and other nonpecuniary damages.