

**HOUSE BILL NO. 316**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRAY

Introduced: 2/18/26

Referred: Judiciary, Labor and Commerce

**A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act adjusting for inflation the limit for damages for losses that may be awarded for  
2 a personal injury or wrongful death."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 09.17.010(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) Except as provided under (c) of this section, the damages awarded by a  
6 court or a jury under (a) of this section for all claims, including a loss of consortium  
7 claim, arising out of a single injury or death may not exceed \$400,000 or the injured  
8 person's life expectancy in years multiplied by \$8,000, **adjusted under (e) of this**  
9 **section,** whichever is greater.

10 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 09.17.010(c) is amended to read:

11 (c) In an action for personal injury, the damages awarded by a court or jury  
12 that are described under (b) of this section may not exceed \$1,000,000 or the person's  
13 life expectancy in years multiplied by \$25,000, whichever is greater, **adjusted under**  
14 **(e) of this section,** when the damages are awarded for severe permanent physical

1           impairment or severe disfigurement.

2       \* **Sec. 3.** AS 09.17.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

3           (e) The maximum amount of damages specified under (b) and (c) of this  
4           section shall be adjusted for inflation using 100 percent of the change since 1997 in  
5           the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for urban Alaska, compiled by the  
6           Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor.

7       \* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
8       read:

9           **APPLICABILITY.** Sections 1 - 3 of this Act apply to damages awarded on or after the  
10       effective date of this Act.