

HOUSE BILL NO. 316

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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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.