

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1919 Session of
2003

INTRODUCED BY McILHINNEY, CAPPELLI, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, LEH,
McILHATTAN, O'NEILL, SCRIMENTI AND WRIGHT, AUGUST 5, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, AUGUST 5, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, requiring trial judges to
3 assess monetary damages in civil actions.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 7703. Assessment of monetary damages.

9 Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule of court
10 to the contrary, the amount of any compensatory or punitive
11 damages to be awarded in a civil action shall be determined by
12 the trial judge.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.