
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 689 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY SIMS, MULLERY, THOMAS, TRUITT, COHEN, McCARTER AND
McNEILL, MARCH 3, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 3, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in matters affecting
3 government units, further providing for limitations on
4 damages.

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

7 Section 1. Section 8553(b) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 8553. Limitations on damages.

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11 (b) Amounts recoverable.--Damages arising from the same
12 cause of action or transaction or occurrence or series of causes
13 of action or transactions or occurrences shall not exceed
14 [\$500,000] \$1,250,000 in the aggregate. The limitation on the
15 amount of damages shall be adjusted annually to account for
16 inflation based on the Consumer Price Index published by the
17 United States Department of Labor.

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