

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 896 Session of  
2015

INTRODUCED BY FARNESE AND HUGHES, JUNE 16, 2015

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JUNE 16, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in actions against local  
3 parties, further providing for limitations on damages.

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

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

8 § 8553. Limitations on damages.

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10 (b) Amounts recoverable.--

11 (1) Damages arising from the same cause of action or  
12 transaction or occurrence or series of causes of action or  
13 transactions or occurrences shall not exceed [\$500,000]  
14 \$2,000,000 in the aggregate.

15 (2) The limitation on the amount of damages under  
16 paragraph (1) shall be adjusted annually by the  
17 Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts to account for  
18 inflation based on the Consumer Price Index published by the  
19 United States Department of Labor. The Administrative Office

1     of Pennsylvania Courts shall publish the adjustment as a  
2     notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

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