

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 616 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY SIMS, GUENST AND SANCHEZ, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

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 in the aggregate. The limitation under this subsection
15 shall not apply to an individual who:

16 (1) suffers damage to owner-occupied real property; and

17 (2) meets the time requirements of sections 5522(a)

18 (relating to six months limitation) and 5524(4) (relating to
19 two year limitation).

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