

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 26 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY FARNESE, JANUARY 12, 2017

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JANUARY 12, 2017

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.