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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 31, L.D. 29, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Wrongful Death Laws"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

Eliminating the cap on damages that may be awarded in wrongful death actions will result in additional costs to the State. Based on the awards paid for recent cases, the additional costs to the Risk Management Fund are estimated to be between \$100,000 and \$200,000 per year. The specific departments or agencies deemed responsible in these actions would be assessed increased liability insurance premiums by the Division of Risk Management. The impact of those increases on General Fund, Highway Fund or other funds resources can not be determined at this time.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.