

State of Wisconsin



2023 Senate Bill 613

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2023 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT to create 895.30 of the statutes; relating to: limiting the recovery of noneconomic damages from a commercial motor vehicle carrier.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 895.30 of the statutes is created to read:

895.30 Claims against commercial motor vehicle carriers; limitation of damages. (1) In this section:

(a) "Commercial motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle designed or used to transport property and having one or more of the characteristics described under s. 340.01 (8) (a), (b), or (d).

(b) "Commercial motor vehicle carrier" means any person that transports property by commercial motor vehicle upon the public highways.

(2) The total noneconomic damages a person may recover from a commercial motor vehicle carrier in a civil action founded on tort for injury, death, or other loss resulting from an act or omission by an employee of the commercial motor vehicle carrier while acting

within the scope of employment may not exceed \$1,000,000.

(3) A court in an action tried without a jury shall make a finding as to noneconomic damages without regard to the limit under sub. (2). If the court finds that noneconomic damages exceed the limit, the court shall make any reduction required under s. 895.045 and shall award as noneconomic damages the lesser of the reduced amount or the limit. If an action is before a jury, the jury shall make a finding as to noneconomic damages without regard to the limit under sub. (2). If the jury finds that noneconomic damages exceed the limit, the jury shall make any reduction required under s. 895.045, and the court shall award as noneconomic damages the lesser of the reduced amount or the limit.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to an act or omission that occurs on the effective date of this subsection.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."