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SENATE BILL 132

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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AN ACT

RELATING TO TRIALS; LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF PUNITIVE DAMAGES
THAT CAN BE AWARDED IN A LEGAL ACTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 39, Article 1 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] LIMITATION ON PUNITIVE DAMAGES.--

A. In any action in which compensatory damages are
awarded to the prevailing party, the punitive damage award
shall not exceed the amount of the compensatory damage award.

B. In any action in which punitive damages are
awarded to a prevailing party, the prevailing party may be
awarded the costs for reasonable attorney fees."

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