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## HOUSE BILL 3000

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to civil liability reform; and adding a new section
- 2 to chapter 7.72 RCW.

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- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 7.72 RCW 5 to read as follows:
  - A manufacturer of goods is not liable for harm caused by defects in goods attributed to such a manufacturer where the goods have been purchased through a chain of distribution that does not establish the manufacturer as the lawful source of the defective product. This section does not apply where the harm is caused by:
    - (1) Willful or wanton acts of negligence by the manufacturer;
- 12 (2) Conscious indifference or reckless disregard for the safety of others by the manufacturer; or
- 14 (3) Intentional conduct on the part of the manufacturer.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the

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- 1 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
- 2 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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