

E2SSB 5155 - H AMD TO APP COMM AMD (H-2932.1/22) **1322**

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1 On page 1, beginning on line 14 of the striking amendment, strike
2 all of subsection (3)(a) and insert the following:

3 "(3)(a) Judgments founded on the tortious conduct of a "public
4 agency" as defined in RCW 42.30.020 shall bear interest from the date
5 of entry at two percentage points above the equivalent coupon issue
6 yield, as published by the board of governors of the federal reserve
7 system, of the average bill rate for twenty-six week treasury bills as
8 determined at the first bill market auction conducted during the
9 calendar month immediately preceding the date of entry. In any case
10 where a court is directed on review to enter judgment on a verdict or
11 in any case where a judgment entered on a verdict is wholly or partly
12 affirmed on review, interest on the judgment or on that portion of the
13 judgment affirmed shall date back to and shall accrue from the date
14 the verdict was rendered."
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16 On page 2, after line 19 of the striking amendment, insert the
17 following:

18 "(iii) Notwithstanding (b)(ii) of this subsection (3), judgments
19 for medical malpractice claims bear interest from the date of entry at
20 the same rate as in (b)(i) of this subsection (3)."
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22 On page 2, line 20 of the striking amendment, after "to" strike
23 "(a) and"
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EFFECT: Exempts public agencies from prejudgment interest by restoring current law that provides that tort judgments against public agencies bear interest from the date the judgment is entered. Exempts medical malpractice claims from prejudgment interest by providing that judgments for medical malpractice claims accrue interest from the date the judgment is entered. Deletes a reference to prejudgment interest on judgments against public agencies.

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