

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to prejudgment interest; creating s.  
3           55.035, F.S.; requiring a court to include interest on  
4           monetary damages and attorney fees and costs in a  
5           final judgment; specifying the dates on which interest  
6           shall begin to accrue; providing applicability;  
7           providing an effective date.  
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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11           Section 1. Section 55.035, Florida Statutes, is created to  
12   read:

13           55.035 Prejudgment interest.—In any action in which a  
14   plaintiff recovers monetary damages, the court shall include in  
15   the award interest on each component of such damages in the  
16   final judgment. Such interest shall begin to accrue on the date  
17   on which the injury or loss occurred. If the plaintiff recovers  
18   attorney fees or costs, the court shall include in the final  
19   judgment interest on such fees or costs. Such interest shall  
20   begin to accrue on the first day of the month immediately  
21   following the month in which such costs or fees were incurred.  
22   The rate of interest applicable to this section is the rate  
23   established pursuant to s. 55.03.

24           Section 2. For any action to which prejudgment interest  
25   applies that is pending on July 1, 2017, or commenced

26 | thereafter, the court shall award interest in accordance with s.  
27 | 55.035, Florida Statutes, as created by this act. Such interest  
28 | shall not begin to accrue earlier than July 1, 2017, regardless  
29 | of the date on which the injury or loss occurred or the attorney  
30 | fees or costs were incurred.

31 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.