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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Judiciary (Mayfield) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 55.035, Florida Statutes, is created to  
read:

55.035 Prejudgment interest.-

(1) In any action in which a plaintiff recovers economic  
damages, the court shall include interest on each component of  
economic damages in the final judgment.

(a) For economic damages, interest accrues from the date of



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12 the loss of an economic benefit to the plaintiff.

13 (b) Interest can only accrue on the actual amount of  
14 economic loss of the plaintiff.

15 (2) The rate of interest applicable to this section is the  
16 rate established pursuant to s. 55.03. Interest may not accrue  
17 on the prejudgment interest awarded in the final judgment.

18 (3) For any action to which prejudgment interest applies  
19 which is pending on July 1, 2017, or commenced thereafter, the  
20 court shall provide interest in accordance with this section,  
21 with such interest accruing from no earlier than July 1, 2017,  
22 regardless of the date when losses were incurred, the claim was  
23 made, or attorney fees or costs were paid.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

26 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

27 And the title is amended as follows:

28 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
29 and insert:

30 A bill to be entitled  
31 An act relating to prejudgment interest; creating s.  
32 55.035, F.S.; requiring a court to include interest in  
33 a final judgment in any action in which a plaintiff  
34 recovers economic damages; specifying the date from  
35 which interest accrues; specifying the applicable  
36 interest rate; providing for applicability; providing  
37 an effective date.