Bill No. <u>CS for SB 374</u>

Amendment No. ____

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11	Senators Laurent, Latvala and Dyer moved the following
12	amendment:
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14	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)
15	On page 23, line 1 through page 24, line 18, delete
16	those lines
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18	and insert:
19	Section 12. Subsection (3) of section 768.81, Florida
20	Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) of that section is
21	repealed, to read:
22	768.81 Comparative fault
23	(3) APPORTIONMENT OF DAMAGESIn cases to which this
24	section applies, the court shall enter judgment against each
25	party liable on the basis of such party's percentage of fault
26	and not on the basis of the doctrine of joint and several
27	liability; provided that with respect to any party whose
28	percentage of fault equals or exceeds that of a particular
29	claimant and whose fault exceeds 25 percent, the court shall
30	enter judgment with respect to economic damages against that
31	party on the basis of the doctrine of joint and several
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          (5) APPLICABILITY OF JOINT AND SEVERAL
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   LIABILITY. -- Notwithstanding the provisions of this section,
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   the doctrine of joint and several liability applies to all
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   actions in which the total amount of damages does not exceed
   <del>$25,000.</del>
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   And the title is amended as follows:
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           On page 2, line 30 through page 3, line 5, delete those
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   and insert:
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    certain percentage; repealing s. 768.81(5), F.S.;
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