

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED        (Y/N)  
 ADOPTED AS AMENDED        (Y/N)  
 ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION        (Y/N)  
 FAILED TO ADOPT        (Y/N)  
 WITHDRAWN        (Y/N)  
 OTHER           

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Civil Justice & Claims  
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Harrison offered the following:

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 5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

9 55.035 Prejudgment interest.-

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

13 (a) For economic damages, interest accrues from the date of  
 14 the loss of an economic benefit to the plaintiff.

15 (b) For noneconomic damages, interest accrues from the date  
 16 the defendant received notice of a claim from the plaintiff.

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17       (2) If the plaintiff recovers attorney fees or costs, the  
18 court shall include in the final judgment interest on such fees  
19 or costs beginning on the date the entitlement to attorney fees  
20 is fixed through agreement, arbitration award, or court  
21 determination.

22       (3) The rate of interest applicable to this section is the  
23 rate established pursuant to s. 55.03.

24       Section 2. This act does not affect the accrual of  
25 prejudgment interest before the effective date if otherwise  
26 authorized by statute or common law.

27       Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017 and  
28 shall apply to causes of action that accrue on or after that  
29 date.

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33       Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:  
34 An act relating to prejudgment interest; creating s. 55.035,  
35 F.S.; requiring a court to include interest in a final judgment  
36 in an action from which a plaintiff recovers economic or  
37 noneconomic damages; specifying the dates from which interest  
38 accrues; requiring a court to include interest on attorney fees  
39 and costs in the final judgment, if recovered; specifying the  
40 rate at which interest accrues; providing for applicability;  
41 providing an effective date.