

An Act relating to damages; amending 23 O.S. 2001, Section 9.1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 462, O.S.L. 2002 (23 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 9.1), which relates to punitive damages; modifying factors to be considered in awarding punitive damages; limiting punitive damage award based on net worth of defendant, with exceptions providing that jury award of punitive damages must be unanimous for cases filed after a certain date; providing that portion of punitive damage award in medical liability actions escheats to the state to certain fund; amending Section 18, Chapter 368, O.S.L. 2004 (23 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 15), which relates to joint and several liability; modifying exceptions to severability; providing limit on recovery for noneconomic damages in certain actions; defining term; repealing Section 6, Chapter 390, O.S.L. 2003, as amended by Section 21, Chapter 368, O.S.L. 2004 and Section 22, Chapter 368, O.S.L. 2004 (63 O.S. Supp. 2004, Sections 1-1708.1F and 1-1708.1F-1), which relate to medical liability actions; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.