

An Act relating to tort reform; creating the Justice and Common Sense Act of 2005; providing short title; amending 5 O.S. 2001, Sections 7 and 9, which relate to attorney fees; modifying maximum percentage of allowable attorney fees; providing exception; prohibiting attorney fees for punitive damages; providing for determination of attorney fees in class actions; requiring plaintiffs to sign representation agreements; providing method of calculating attorney fees for class action cases; providing for judicial discretion to modify the fee award; requiring attorney fees to include noncash benefits in certain circumstances; defining term; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 95, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 168, O.S.L. 2004 (12 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 95), which relates to limitations on actions; establishing statute of repose for certain actions; establishing a statute of repose for product liability actions; authorizing the court to decline to exercise jurisdiction under the doctrine of forum non conveniens; providing factors that the court may consider; requiring each plaintiff to establish venue in cases in which there are multiple plaintiffs; providing for interlocutory appeal; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Sections 683 and 684, as amended by Sections 3 and 4, Chapter 368, O.S.L. 2004 (12 O.S. Supp. 2004, Sections 683 and 684), which relate to dismissal; modifying procedure for dismissal; amending Section 7, Chapter 368, O.S.L. 2004 (12 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 727.1), which relates to interest on judgments; limiting applicability of prejudgment interest to actions filed prior to a certain date; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 832, which relates to contribution; limiting right to contribution; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 993, which relates to interlocutory appeals from certain orders; modifying grounds for interlocutory appeals; providing standard for making certain determination; requiring the Supreme Court to make certain determination within certain time; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 1101, which relates to offer of judgment; clarifying language; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Sections 2008 and 2009, which relate to the Oklahoma Pleading Code; modifying monetary threshold for which amount of damages are not specified; limiting the amount of damages that may be recovered under certain circumstances; amending Section 1, Chapter 370, O.S.L. 2004 (12 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 2011.1), which relates to frivolous claims or defenses; modifying definition; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 2023, which relates to class actions; requiring the court to hear and rule on certain motions before making a determination on certifying a class; providing effect of interlocutory appeal in certain circumstances; requiring potential class members to request inclusion in the class; providing procedure for summary judgment; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 2702, which relates to testimony by experts; providing requirements for expert testimony; providing role of the court; providing for interpretation; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 3226, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 519, O.S.L. 2004 (12 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 3226), which relates to discovery; eliminating requirement that a party produce certain agreement; requiring certain disclosures prior to discovery request; amending 15 O.S. 2001, Section 761.1, which relates to liability under the Consumer Protection Act; requiring actual damages incurred by person bringing private action; 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 for determination of net worth; 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 exception; providing for reduction of damages if the plaintiff has settled with one or more persons; providing for designation of responsible third parties; amending 23 O.S. 2001, Section 61, which relates to the measure of damages for the breach of obligations not arising from contract; providing that compensation from collateral sources may be admitted into evidence; providing proof of certain losses must be in the form of a net loss after reduction for income tax payments or unpaid tax liability; providing limits of liability for noneconomic damages for certain actions; defining term; amending 36 O.S. 2001, Section 1509, as amended by Section 56, Chapter 368, O.S.L. 2004 (36 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 1509), which relates to assets and liabilities of insurers; extending moratorium on applicability of certain reserve requirements; amending 36 O.S. 2001, Section 1530, as amended by Section 57, Chapter 368, O.S.L. 2004 (36 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 1530), which relates to risk-based capital for insurers; extending time insurer is exempt from certain surplus requirements; amending 47 O.S. 2001, Section 11-1112, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 40, O.S.L. 2004 (47 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 11-1112), which relates to child passenger restraint systems; eliminating prohibitions against admissibility of certain evidence in civil actions; amending 51 O.S. 2001, Section 152, as last amended by Section 19, Chapter 368, O.S.L. 2004 (51 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 152), which relates to definitions; modifying definition; modifying circumstances in which state is not liable; amending 51 O.S. 2001, Section 154, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2003 (51 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 154), which relates to extent of liability; limiting liability for certain entities; amending Sections 4 and 7, Chapter 390, O.S.L. 2003 and Section 24, Chapter 368, O.S.L. 2004 (63 O.S. Supp. 2004, Sections 1-1708.1D, 1-1708.1G and 1-1708.1I), which relate to the Affordable Access to Health Care Act; requiring receipt of compensation for injury be admitted into evidence for certain purposes; limiting recovery for payment of medical bills; removing courts right to make certain determination; providing limits of liability in certain civil actions against hospitals, hospital systems and certain persons, with exceptions; requiring written acknowledgment; limiting applicability of prejudgment interest to medical liability actions filed prior to a certain date; modifying criteria for determining if an expert is qualified to offer expert testimony; providing for payment of future losses in medical liability actions; amending 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-1709.1, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 558, O.S.L. 2004 (63 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 1-1709.1), which relates to peer review information; providing that certain information, recommendations and actions are not subject to discovery; creating the Education Quality and Protection Act; providing short title; stating legislative findings; stating purpose of the act; providing definitions; limiting the liability of educational entities and education employees for certain actions; stating standard of proof; limiting the liability of educational entities and education employees for certain reporting; prohibiting punitive or exemplary damages against an educational entity or education employee; making it unlawful to make a false criminal report against an education employee; providing punishment; limiting application for statements against certain persons; providing for effect on other laws; providing for the award of costs and attorney fees; authorizing expert witness fees; providing that existence of liability insurance is not a waiver of any defense; providing for the applicability of other laws; amending 76 O.S. 2001, Section 25, which relates to professional review bodies; providing that certain information is not subject to discovery; prohibiting testimony by certain persons; amending 76 O.S. 2001, Section 31 and Section 34, Chapter 368, O.S.L. 2004 (76

O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 32), which relate to civil immunity for volunteers, charitable organizations, not-for-profit corporations and volunteer medical professionals; modifying definition; expanding immunity for volunteer medical professionals; creating the Product Liability Act; providing short title; defining terms; providing that a manufacturer or seller shall not be liable for inherently unsafe products; providing procedures and requirements in actions alleging design defect; providing elements a claimant must prove in certain actions against manufacturers or sellers of firearms or ammunition; limiting liability of nonmanufacturing sellers; providing rebuttable presumption in actions relating to pharmaceutical products; providing rebuttable presumption concerning compliance with government standards; defining term; making evidence regarding measures taken after injury inadmissible; requiring filing of certain affidavit and procedures therefor; limiting liability of certain corporations for successor asbestos-related liabilities; repealing Section 8, Chapter 368, O.S.L. 2004 (12 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 832.1), which relates to indemnification product liability actions; repealing 23 O.S. 2001, Section 103, which relates to personal injury actions asserted in bad faith; repealing 47 O.S. 2001, Section 12-420, which relates to inadmissibility of evidence in civil actions of failure to use seatbelt; 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 limits on noneconomic damages in medical liability actions; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date.