

An Act relating to civil procedure; providing for calculation of attorney fees in class actions; defining terms; providing statute of limitations for product liability action; stating exceptions; allowing court to dismiss certain actions under specified circumstances; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Sections 993, 1101, 1102, 2023 and 2702, which relate to appeals, offers, class actions and expert testimony; adding grounds and establishing procedure to appeal certain order; clarifying language; updating statutory reference; requiring court to rule on certain motions in specified class actions; stating procedures for admissibility of certain testimony; amending 23 O.S. 2001, Sections 9.1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 462, O.S.L. 2002, 61 and 103 (23 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 9.1), which relates to punitive damages; requiring unanimous jury for punitive damages; allowing admissibility of certain evidence; directing payment of certain awards; authorizing periodic payments of certain awards; providing for reimbursement of certain costs under certain circumstances; allowing imposition of certain sanctions; establishing procedures for acceptance or denial of certain claims; amending Sections 4 and 5, Chapter 390, O.S.L. 2003 (63 O.S. Supp. 2004, Sections 1-1708.1D and 1-1708.1E) which relate to the Affordable Access to Health Care Act; stating form of certain claim; establishing procedure for certain claim; establishing procedures for use of expert reports; establishing procedures for answer of certain interrogatories; creating the Health Care Discovery Panel; placing cap on certain damages in specified actions; requiring reduction of damages under certain circumstances; requiring certain jury instructions under certain circumstances; establishing procedure for qualification of certain witness; defining terms; establishing guidelines for payment of certain damage awards; creating the Oklahoma Medical Disclosure Panel; establishing rights and duties of Panel; requiring estimates of certain medical care; creating the School Protection Act; providing short title; defining terms; limiting liability for certain employees under specified circumstances; establishing procedures for filing certain claim; prohibiting filing of specified suit unless certain remedies are exhausted; allowing referral of certain case to alternative dispute resolution; allowing recovery of attorney fees in certain cases; stating applicability of act; amending 76 O.S. 2001, Sections 18, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 462, O.S.L. 2002 (76 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 18), which relates to torts; providing statute of limitations for certain claims; defining terms; stating applicability of certain provisions; clarifying asbestos-related liabilities for certain corporations; creating the Product Liability Act; providing short title; defining terms; requiring certain manufacturer to indemnify specified sellers; establishing indemnification procedures; stating certain rebuttable presumptions under specified circumstances; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.