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THE STATE SENATE
Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Senate Bill No. 865

SENATE BILL NO. 865 - By: Sykes of the Senate and Sullivan of the House.

An Act relating to jury instructions; providing requirements for Oklahoma Uniform Jury Instructions; establishing requirements for certain exhibits; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 577.4 of Title 12, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Oklahoma Uniform Jury Instructions (OUJI) applicable in a civil case shall include an instruction notifying the jury that no part of an award for damages for personal injury or wrongful death is subject to federal or state income tax. Any amount that the jury determines to be proper compensation for personal injury or wrongful death should not be increased or decreased by any consideration for income taxes. In order to be admitted at trial, any exhibit relating to damage awards shall reflect accurate tax ramifications.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 2-8-11 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.