

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 SENATE BILL 865

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5 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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