

House Bill 623

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 50-21-29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to trial  
2 of tort actions against the state, limitations on amounts of damages, and caps to limit total  
3 damages regardless of the type of claim, so as to reduce the cap on damages; to provide for  
4 related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 50-21-29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to trial of tort  
9 actions against the state, limitations on amounts of damages, and caps to limit total damages  
10 regardless of the type of claim, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) as  
11 follows:

12 "(b)(1) Except as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, in any action or claim  
13 for damages brought under the provisions of this article, no person shall recover a sum  
14 exceeding ~~\$1 million~~ \$300,000.00 because of loss arising from a single occurrence,  
15 regardless of the number of state government entities involved; and the state's aggregate  
16 liability per occurrence shall not exceed ~~\$3~~ \$1 million. The existence of these caps on  
17 liability shall not be disclosed or suggested to the jury during the trial of any action  
18 brought under this article."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
21 without such approval.

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.