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STATE OF COLORADO

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LLS NO. 24-0600.01 Anna Petrini x5497

SENATE BILL 24-130

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Mullica and Will,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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Senate Committees  
Judiciary

House Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING RAISING THE LIMITATION ON NONECONOMIC DAMAGES  
102 IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE ACTIONS.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Existing law limits the amount recoverable for noneconomic damages in medical malpractice actions to \$300,000. Beginning January 1, 2025, the bill incrementally increases the noneconomic damages limitation to \$500,000 over the course of 5 years.

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Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly  
3 finds and declares that updating the monetary limitations on damages for  
4 direct or derivative noneconomic loss or injury serves the purpose and  
5 intent of the "Health Care Availability Act".

6 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-64-302, **add**  
7 (1)(d) as follows:

8 **13-64-302. Limitation of liability - interest on damages.**

9 (1) (d) (I) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025, THE DAMAGES LIMITATION OF  
10 THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(c)  
11 OF THIS SECTION IS INCREASED TO THREE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND  
12 DOLLARS, WHICH INCREASED AMOUNT APPLIES TO ACTS OR OMISSIONS  
13 OCCURRING ON OR AFTER SAID DATE.

14 (II) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026, THE DAMAGES LIMITATION OF  
15 THREE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION  
16 (1)(d)(I) OF THIS SECTION IS INCREASED TO THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY  
17 THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICH INCREASED AMOUNT APPLIES TO ACTS OR  
18 OMISSIONS OCCURRING ON OR AFTER SAID DATE.

19 (III) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027, THE DAMAGES LIMITATION OF  
20 THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION  
21 (1)(d)(II) OF THIS SECTION IS INCREASED TO FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY  
22 THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICH INCREASED AMOUNT APPLIES TO ACTS OR  
23 OMISSIONS OCCURRING ON OR AFTER SAID DATE.

24 (IV) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2028, THE DAMAGES LIMITATION OF  
25 FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION  
26 (1)(d)(III) OF THIS SECTION IS INCREASED TO FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY  
27 THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICH INCREASED AMOUNT APPLIES TO ACTS OR

1 OMISSIONS OCCURRING ON OR AFTER SAID DATE.

2 (V) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2029, THE DAMAGES LIMITATION OF  
3 FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION  
4 (1)(d)(IV) OF THIS SECTION IS INCREASED TO FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND  
5 DOLLARS, WHICH INCREASED AMOUNT APPLIES TO ACTS OR OMISSIONS  
6 OCCURRING ON OR AFTER SAID DATE.

7 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
8 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
10 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
11 institutions.