

HB 1355 -- Punitive Damages

Sponsor: Byrd

This bill limits the amount of punitive damages that may be awarded against a defendant to the greater of \$500,000 or five times the net amount of the plaintiff's judgment against the defendant. The limits apply if the State of Missouri is the plaintiff, if the defendant pleads guilty to or is convicted of a felony arising out of the acts or omissions pled by the plaintiff, or if all of the elements of a felony are found by clear and convincing evidence in a bifurcated trial.