REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT)
Act 236 of 1961

CHAPTER 63

600.6301 Definitions.

Sec. 6301. As used in this chapter:

(a) "Future damages" means damages arising from personal injury which the trier of fact finds will accrue after the damage findings are made and includes damages for medical treatment, care and custody, loss of earnings, loss of earning capacity, loss of bodily function, and pain and suffering.

(b) "Personal injury" means bodily harm, sickness, disease, death, or emotional harm resulting from bodily harm.

History: Add. 1986, Act 178, Eff. Oct. 1, 1986.

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"(4) Sections 1651 and 6013 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as amended by this amendatory act, shall not apply to cases filed before October 1, 1986.

"(5) Chapter 49 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as added by this amendatory act, shall apply to cases filed on or after January 1, 1987.

"(6) Chapter 49a of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as added by this amendatory act, shall apply to cases filed in judicial circuits which are comprised of more than 1 county on or after July 1, 1990 and shall apply to cases filed in judicial circuits which are comprised of 1 county on or after October 1, 1988."

600.6303 Payment of plaintiff's expense or loss by collateral source; notice to contractual lien holder; failure to exercise right of subrogation; contracts to which subsection (3) applicable; "collateral source" defined; benefits from collateral source as payable or receivable.

Sec. 6303. (1) In a personal injury action in which the plaintiff seeks to recover for the expense of medical care, rehabilitation services, loss of earnings, loss of earning capacity, or other economic loss, evidence to establish that the expense or loss was paid or is payable, in whole or in part, by a collateral source shall be admissible to the court in which the action was brought after a verdict for the plaintiff and before a judgment is entered on the verdict. Subject to subsection (5), if the court determines that all or part of the plaintiff's expense or loss has been paid or is payable by a collateral source, the court shall reduce that portion of the judgment which represents damages paid or payable by a collateral source by an amount equal to the sum determined pursuant to subsection (2). This reduction shall not exceed the amount of the judgment for economic loss or that portion of the verdict which represents damages paid or payable by a collateral source.

(2) The court shall determine the amount of the plaintiff's expense or loss which has been paid or is payable by a collateral source. Except for premiums on insurance which is required by law, that amount shall then be reduced by a sum equal to the premiums, or that portion of the premiums paid for the particular benefit by the plaintiff or the plaintiff's family or incurred by the plaintiff's employer on behalf of the plaintiff in securing the benefits received or receivable from the collateral source.

(3) Within 10 days after a verdict for the plaintiff, plaintiff's attorney shall send notice of the verdict by registered mail to all persons entitled by contract to a lien against the proceeds of plaintiff's recovery. If a contractual lien holder does not exercise the lien holder's right of subrogation within 20 days after receipt of the notice of the verdict, the lien holder shall lose the right of subrogation. This subsection shall only apply to contracts executed or renewed on or after the effective date of this section.

(4) As used in this section, "collateral source" means benefits received or receivable from an insurance policy; benefits payable pursuant to a contract with a health care corporation, dental care corporation, or health maintenance organization; employee benefits; social security benefits; worker's compensation benefits; or medicare benefits. Collateral source does not include life insurance benefits or benefits paid by a person, partnership, association, corporation, or other legal entity entitled by law to a lien against the proceeds of a recovery by a plaintiff in a civil action for damages. Collateral source does not include benefits paid or payable by a person, partnership, association, corporation, or other legal entity entitled by contract to a lien against the proceeds of a recovery by a plaintiff in a civil action for damages, if the contractual lien has been exercised pursuant to subsection (3).

(5) For purposes of this section, benefits from a collateral source shall not be considered payable or

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receivable unless the court makes a determination that there is a previously existing contractual or statutory obligation on the part of the collateral source to pay the benefits.

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600.6304 Personal injury action involving fault of more than 1 party to action; instructing jury to answer special interrogatories; findings of court; determining percentages of fault; determining award of damages; release from liability; amount of damages; reducing award of damages; reallocation of uncollectible amount; liability of governmental agency; "fault" defined.

Sec. 6304. (1) In an action based on tort or another legal theory seeking damages for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death involving fault of more than 1 person, including third-party defendants and nonparties, the court, unless otherwise agreed by all parties to the action, shall instruct the jury to answer special interrogatories or, if there is no jury, shall make findings indicating both of the following:

(a) The total amount of each plaintiff's damages.

(b) The percentage of the total fault of all persons that contributed to the death or injury, including each plaintiff and each person released from liability under section 2925d, regardless of whether the person was or could have been named as a party to the action.

(2) In determining the percentages of fault under subsection (1)(b), the trier of fact shall consider both the nature of the conduct of each person at fault and the extent of the causal relation between the conduct and the damages claimed.

(3) The court shall determine the award of damages to each plaintiff in accordance with the findings under subsection (1), subject to any reduction under subsection (5) or section 2955a or 6303, and shall enter judgment against each party, including a third-party defendant, except that judgment shall not be entered against a person who has been released from liability as provided in section 2925d.

(4) Liability in an action to which this section applies is several only and not joint. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6), a person shall not be required to pay damages in an amount greater than his or her percentage of fault as found under subsection (1). This subsection and section 2956 do not apply to a defendant that is jointly and severally liable under section 6312.

(5) In an action alleging medical malpractice, the court shall reduce an award of damages in excess of 1 of the limitations set forth in section 1483 to the amount of the appropriate limitation set forth in section 1483. The jury shall not be advised by the court or by counsel for either party of the limitations set forth in section 1483 or any other provision of section 1483.

(6) If an action includes a medical malpractice claim against a person or entity described in section 5838a(1), 1 of the following applies:

(a) If the plaintiff is determined to be without fault under subsections (1) and (2), the liability of each defendant is joint and several, whether or not the defendant is a person or entity described in section 5838a(1).

(b) If the plaintiff is determined to have fault under subsections (1) and (2), upon motion made not later than 6 months after a final judgment is entered, the court shall determine whether all or part of a party's share of the obligation is uncollectible from that party, and shall reallocate any uncollectible amount among the other parties, whether or not another party is a person or entity described in section 5838a(1), according to their respective percentages of fault as determined under subsection (1). A party is not required to pay a percentage of any uncollectible amount that exceeds that party's percentage of fault as determined under subsection (1). The party whose liability is reallocated continues to be subject to contribution and to any continuing liability to the plaintiff on the judgment.

(7) Notwithstanding subsection (6), a governmental agency, other than a governmental hospital or medical care facility, is not required to pay a percentage of any uncollectible amount that exceeds the governmental

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agency's percentage of fault as determined under subsection (1).

(8) As used in this section, “fault” includes an act, an omission, conduct, including intentional conduct, a breach of warranty, or a breach of a legal duty, or any conduct that could give rise to the imposition of strict liability, that is a proximate cause of damage sustained by a party.

History: Add. 1986, Act 178, Eff. Oct. 1, 1986;—Am. 1993, Act 78, Eff. Apr. 1, 1994;—Am. 1995, Act 161, Eff. Mar. 28, 1996;—Am. 1995, Act 249, Eff. Mar. 28, 1996.

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600.6305 Verdict or judgment; specific findings; basis of calculation of future damages.

Sec. 6305. (1) Any verdict or judgment rendered by a trier of fact in a personal injury action subject to this chapter shall include specific findings of the following:

(a) Any past economic and noneconomic damages.

(b) Any future damages and the periods over which they will accrue, on an annual basis, for each of the following types of future damages:

(*i*) Medical and other costs of health care.

(*ii*) Lost wages or earnings or lost earning capacity and other economic loss.

(*iii*) Noneconomic loss.

(2) The calculation of future damages for types of future damages described in subsection (1)(b) shall be based on the costs and losses during the period of time the plaintiff will sustain those costs and losses. In the event of death, the calculation of future damages shall be based on the losses during the period of time the plaintiff would have lived but for the injury upon which the claim is based.

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600.6306 Entering order of judgment; order; judgment amounts; "gross present cash value" defined; reduced judgment amount.

Sec. 6306. (1) After a verdict is rendered by a trier of fact in favor of a plaintiff in a personal injury action other than an action for medical malpractice, an order of judgment shall be entered by the court. Subject to section 2959, the order of judgment shall be entered against each defendant, including a third-party defendant, in the following order and in the following judgment amounts:

(a) All past economic damages, less collateral source payments as provided for in section 6303.

(b) All past noneconomic damages.

(c) All future economic damages, less medical and other health care costs and less collateral source payments determined to be collectible under section 6303(5), reduced to gross present cash value.

(d) All future medical and other health care costs reduced to gross present cash value.

(e) All future noneconomic damages reduced to gross present cash value.

(f) All taxable and allowable costs, including interest as permitted by section 6013 or 6455 on the

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judgment amounts.

(2) As used in this section, "gross present cash value" means the total amount of future damages reduced to present value at a rate of 5% per year, compounded annually, for each year in which those damages will accrue, as found by the trier of fact under section 6305(1)(b).

(3) If the plaintiff was assigned a percentage of fault under section 6304, the total judgment amount shall be reduced, subject to section 2959, by an amount equal to the percentage of plaintiff's fault. When reducing the judgment amount as provided in this subsection, the court shall determine the ratio of total past damages to total future damages and shall allocate the amounts to be deducted proportionally between the past and future damages.

History: Add. 1986, Act 178, Eff. Oct. 1, 1986;—Am. 1995, Act 161, Eff. Mar. 28, 1996;—Am. 2012, Act 608, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

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Enacting section 1 of Act 608 of 2012 provides:

"Enacting section 1. Sections 1483, 2959, 6306, and 6307 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.1483, 600.2959, 600.6306, and 600.6307, as amended by this amendatory act and section 6306a of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.6306a, as added by this amendatory act apply only to actions in which the cause of action arose on or after the effective date of this amendatory act."

600.6306a Verdict in favor of plaintiff in medical malpractice action; order of judgment; amounts; percentage of fault; reduced judgment amount; joint and severable liability; "gross present cash value" defined.

Sec. 6306a. (1) After a verdict is rendered by a trier of fact in favor of a plaintiff in a medical malpractice action, an order of judgment shall be entered by the court. Subject to section 2959, the order of judgment shall be entered against each defendant, including a third-party defendant, in the following order and in the following amounts:

(a) All past economic damages, less collateral source payments as provided in section 6303.

(b) All past noneconomic damages, reduced subject to the limitations in section 1483. When reducing past noneconomic damages as required by section 1483, the court shall calculate the ratio of past noneconomic damages to future noneconomic damages and shall allocate the amounts to be deducted proportionally between the past and future noneconomic damages.

(c) All future economic damages, less medical and other health care costs, and less collateral source payments determined to be collectible under section 6303, reduced to gross present cash value.

(d) All future medical and other health care costs, reduced to gross present cash value.

(e) All future noneconomic damages reduced to gross present cash value and reduced subject to the limitations in section 1483. When reducing future noneconomic damages as required by section 1483, the court shall calculate the ratio of past noneconomic damages to future noneconomic damages and shall allocate the amounts to be deducted proportionally between the past and future noneconomic damages.

(f) All taxable and allowable costs, including interest as permitted by section 6013 or 6455 on the judgment amounts.

(2) If the plaintiff was assigned a percentage of fault under section 6304, the total judgment amount as determined under this section shall be reduced, subject to section 2959, by the percentage of plaintiff's fault. When reducing a judgment amount under this subsection, the court shall determine the ratio of total past damages to total future damages and allocate the amounts to be deducted proportionally between the past and future damages.

(3) If liability is determined to be joint and several, the total judgment amount determined under this section shall be reduced by the amount of all settlements paid by all joint tortfeasors, including joint tortfeasors who were not parties to the action and joint tortfeasors who are not persons described in section 5838a(1). When reducing a judgment amount under this subsection, the court shall calculate the ratio of total past damages to total future damages awarded by the trier of fact and shall allocate the amounts to be

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deducted proportionally between the past and future damages. When reducing a judgment amount under this subsection, the court shall perform the reduction before awarding any interest permitted by law, but after making all other required adjustments to the verdict, including those required by this section and by section 1483.

(4) As used in this section, "gross present cash value" means the total amount of future damages reduced to present value at a rate of 5% per year, compounded annually, for each year in which the damages will accrue, as found by the trier of fact under section 6305(1)(b).

History: Add. 2012, Act 608, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

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600.6307 Purchase of annuity contract.

Sec. 6307. In an action alleging personal injury, if the amount of future damages, as described in section 6306(1)(c) and (e) or 6306a(1)(c) and (e), as applicable, in the judgment exceeds $250,000.00 gross present cash value, as determined under section 6306 or 6306a, as applicable, the court shall enter an order that the defendant or the defendant's liability insurance carrier shall satisfy that amount of the judgment, less all costs and attorney fees the plaintiff is obligated to pay, by the purchase of an annuity contract, if all of the following requirements are met:

(a) The purchase price of the annuity contract is equal to 100% of the future damages subject to this section, less an amount determined by multiplying the amount of those damages by a percentage equal to the rate of prejudgment interest as calculated under section 6013(8) or section 6455(2) on the date the trial was commenced.

(b) The annuity contract is purchased from a life insurer authorized to issue annuity contracts under the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.100 to 500.8302.

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600.6309 Plan for structured payment of future damages; determination as to future collectibility of annuity contract or qualified assignment; owner of annuity contract; making qualified assignment; effect of qualified assignment; recipients of structured payments guaranteed by annuity contract.

Sec. 6309. (1) Subject to section 6307, if the plaintiff and the defendant agree to a plan for the structured payment of future damages within 35 days of the judgment, the court shall order that structured payments shall be made pursuant to that plan.

(2) If the plaintiff and defendant do not agree to a plan for structured payments as prescribed by subsection (1), the court shall order the structured payment of future damages pursuant to a plan submitted to the court by the plaintiff or defendant.

(3) Upon motion by the plaintiff, the court shall make a determination as to the future collectibility of the annuity contract or a qualified assignment made pursuant to subsection (4).

(4) The defendant or the defendant's liability insurance carrier who satisfies a portion of the judgment by the purchase of an annuity contract as provided by this section or section 6307 shall be the owner of that

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annuity contract, except that the defendant or the defendant's insurance carrier may make a qualified assignment, within the meaning of section 130(c) of the internal revenue code of 1954, as amended, of the obligation to the plaintiff.

(5) If a qualified assignment is made pursuant to subsection (4), the defendant's liability insurance carrier shall be relieved of all obligation to the plaintiff.

(6) Structured payments guaranteed by an annuity contract shall be made to the plaintiff or the plaintiff's estate, or in a wrongful death action, to the person or persons entitled to the damages or that person's or persons' estate, as applicable.

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600.6311 Certain provisions inapplicable to plaintiff 60 years of age or older.

Sec. 6311. Sections 6306(1)(c), (d), and (e), 6307, and 6309 do not apply to a plaintiff who is 60 years of age or older at the time of judgment.

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600.6312 Joint and several liability.

Sec. 6312. A defendant that is found liable for an act or omission that causes personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death is jointly and severally liable if the defendant's act or omission is any of the following:

(a) A crime, an element of which is gross negligence, for which the defendant is convicted.

(b) A crime involving the use of alcohol or a controlled substance for which the defendant is convicted and that is a violation of 1 or more of the following:

(*i*) Section 14 of the explosives act of 1970, Act No. 202 of the Public Acts of 1970, being section 29.54 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(*ii*) Section 111 of the Michigan code of military justice of 1980, Act No. 523 of the Public Acts of 1980, being section 32.1111 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(*iii*) Section 625 of the Michigan vehicle code, Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, being section 257.625 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(*iv*) Section 185 of the Aeronautics code of the state of Michigan, Act No. 327 of the Public Acts of 1945, being section 259.185 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(*v*) Section 80176 of part 801 (marine safety), 81134 of part 811 (off-road recreation vehicles), or 82127 of part 821 (snowmobiles) of the natural resources and environmental protection act, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.80176, 324.81134, and 324.82127 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(*vi*) Section 353 of the railroad code of 1993, Act No. 354 of the Public Acts of 1993, being section 462.353 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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(*vii*) Section 237 of the Michigan penal code, Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, being section 750.237 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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