



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7126

January Session, 2019



AN ACT CONCERNING THE AWARD OF DOUBLE OR TREBLE DAMAGES TO AN INJURED PARTY IN A CIVIL ACTION RESULTING FROM CERTAIN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-295 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019, and*
3 *applicable to any civil action pending on or filed on or after said date*):

4 In any civil action to recover damages resulting from personal
5 injury, wrongful death or damage to property, the trier of fact may
6 award double or treble damages if the injured party has specifically
7 pleaded that another party has deliberately or with reckless disregard
8 operated a motor vehicle in violation of section 14-218a, 14-219, 14-222,
9 14-227a or 14-227m, subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of section
10 14-227n or section 14-230, 14-234, 14-237, 14-239, [or] 14-240a or 14-
11 296aa, and that such violation was a substantial factor in causing such
12 injury, death or damage to property. The owner of a rental or leased
13 motor vehicle shall not be responsible for such damages unless the
14 damages arose from such owner's operation of the motor vehicle.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019, and applicable to any civil action pending on or filed on or after said date</i>	14-295
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1, the effective date was changed from "Effective from passage and applicable to any civil action pending on or filed on or after the effective date of this act" to "Effective July 1, 2019, and applicable to any civil action pending on or filed on or after said date" for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*