HOUSE BILL No. 2336

By Committee on Judiciary

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AN ACT concerning civil procedure; relating to payments for the cost of medical care and treatment.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) No evidence of collateral sources or payments made pursuant to subsection (b) shall be admissible, other than such evidence provided for in this section.

- (b) If, prior to trial, a defendant or such defendant's insurer or authorized representatives pays all or any part of a plaintiff's special damages, then any portion of a plaintiff's claim for special damages that is satisfied by such payment from the defendant or such defendant's insurer or authorized representatives are not recoverable from such defendant.
- (c) This section does not require the exclusion of evidence admissible for another proper purpose.
- (d) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b), parties may introduce evidence of the actual cost of the medical care or treatment rendered to a plaintiff or a patient whose care is at issue. Actual cost of the medical care or treatment shall be reasonable, necessary and a proximate result of the negligence or fault of any party.
- (2) For purposes of this subsection, "actual cost of the medical care or treatment" means a sum of money not to exceed the dollar amounts paid by or on behalf of a plaintiff or a patient whose care is at issue plus any remaining dollar amounts necessary to satisfy the financial obligation for medical care or treatment by a health care provider after adjustment for any contractual discounts, price reductions or write-offs by any person or entity.
- (e) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the code of civil procedure.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.