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## ORIGINAL

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SENATE BILL NO. 244

BY SENATOR TALBOT

EVIDENCE. Provides for admissibility of evidence for payment of medical expenses or losses from personal injury or property damage. (8/1/24)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact Code of Evidence Art. 409, relative to evidence; to provide relative
3	to expenses and losses incurred from personal injury or property damage; to provide
4	for admissibility of evidence for payment of medical and similar expenses; to
5	provide with respect to mitigation, reduction or avoidance of liability; and to provide
6	for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. Code of Evidence Art. 409 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
9	follows:
10	Art. 409. Payment of medical and similar expenses: collateral source
11	In a civil case, evidence of furnishing or offering or promising to pay
12	expenses or losses occasioned by an injury to person or damage to property is not
13	admissible to prove liability for the injury or damage nor is it and shall be
14	admissible to mitigate, reduce, or avoid liability therefor. This Article does not
15	require the exclusion of such evidence when it is offered solely for another purpose,
16	such as to enforce a contract for payment.

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<u>Present law</u> provides that in a civil case, evidence of furnishing or offering or promising to pay expenses or losses occasioned by an injury to person or damage to property is not admissible to prove liability for the injury or damage nor is it admissible to mitigate, reduce, or avoid liability therefor.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that evidence of payment of expenses or losses incurred from personal injury or property damage is not admissible to prove liability for the injury or damage and shall be admissible to mitigate, reduce, or avoid liability for such expenses or losses.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends C.E. Art. 409)