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Brief Description: Addressing defenses in civil actions.

**HB 1541 - DIGEST**

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Finds that a person who is injured as a result of engaging in criminal activity should not be entitled to recover damages for that injury if the criminal activity was an actual cause of the injury and the circumstances of the injury warrant preclusion of liability as a matter of social policy and common sense. The law provides a complete defense against a personal injury action if the injured person was engaged in a felony at the time of the injury.

Declares an intent to extend this policy to situations involving gross misdemeanor and misdemeanor crimes.