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On page 3, beginning on line 26, after "exceed" strike all material through "dollars." on line 34, and insert "eight hundred fifty thousand dollars except as provided in this subsection. The eight hundred fifty thousand dollar limitation must be recalculated annually using the consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, cpiw, or a successor index, for the twelve months prior to each July 1st as calculated by the United States department of labor."

EFFECT: Strikes graduated scale for cap on noneconomic damages, replacing it with a cap of \$850,000 that increases annually based on inflation.

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