

HB 1356 -- PUNITIVE DAMAGES

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This bill specifies that the prevailing plaintiff in a torts case will receive 50% of the greater of \$500,000 or five times the actual damages. The remaining 50% is to be deposited into the Tort Victims Compensation Fund. Attorneys fees may not be deducted from this portion of the fee. This section does not apply to the State of Missouri when it is a plaintiff. The Attorney General is required to enforce the collection of the judgment.