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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to prejudgment interest; creating s.  
3 55.035, F.S.; requiring a court to include interest on  
4 economic damages and costs in the final judgment of a  
5 negligence action as a result of a personal injury;  
6 specifying the date from which interest accrues;  
7 prescribing the applicable interest rate; providing  
8 applicability; providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Section 55.035, Florida Statutes, is created to  
13 read:

14 55.035 Prejudgment interest.—In a negligence action in  
15 which a plaintiff recovers economic damages as the result of a  
16 personal injury, the court shall include in the final judgment  
17 interest on each component of economic damages. Such interest  
18 accrues from the date of the loss of an economic benefit or  
19 payment made by the plaintiff. If the plaintiff recovers costs,  
20 the court shall include in the final judgment interest on such  
21 costs beginning on the first day of the month immediately  
22 following the month in which costs were paid. The rate of  
23 interest applicable to this section is the rate established  
24 pursuant to s. 55.03.

25 Section 2. This act applies to causes of action that accrue  
26 on or after July 1, 2017.

27 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.