

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Bradley

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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 providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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

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

13 55.035 Prejudgment interest.—In a negligence action in
14 which a plaintiff recovers economic damages as the result of a
15 personal injury, the court shall include in the final judgment
16 interest on each component of economic damages. Such interest
17 accrues from the date of the loss of an economic benefit or
18 payment made by the plaintiff. If the plaintiff recovers costs,
19 the court shall include in the final judgment interest on such
20 costs beginning on the first day of the month immediately
21 following the month in which costs were paid. The rate of
22 interest applicable to this section is the rate established
23 pursuant to s. 55.03.

24 Section 2. This act applies to causes of action which
25 accrue on or after the effective date of the act.

26 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.