



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT Senate Bill 452

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Representative Glazier

1 moves to amend the bill on page 3, line 21 by rewriting that line to read:

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"SECTION 5. G.S. 6-21.1(a) reads as rewritten:

3 In any personal injury or property damage suit, or suit against an insurance company '(a) under a policy issued by the defendant insurance company in which the insured or beneficiary 4 5 is the plaintiff, instituted in a court of record, upon findings by the court (i) that there was an 6 unwarranted refusal by the defendant to negotiate or pay the claim which constitutes the basis 7 of such suit, (ii) that the amount of damages recovered is twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) 8 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or less, and (iii) that the amount of damages recovered exceeded the highest offer made by the defendant no later than 90 days before the 9 commencement of trial, the presiding judge may, in the judge's discretion, allow a reasonable 10 attorneys' fees to the duly licensed attorneys representing the litigant obtaining a judgment for 11 damages in said suit, said attorneys' fees to be taxed as a part of the court costs. The attorneys' 12 fees so awarded shall not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).' 13

14 **SECTION 6.** This act becomes effective August 1, 2013, and applies to actions 15 filed".

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Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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