

HOUSE BILL 202  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-307; Section 29-20-311; Section 29-20-403; Section 29-20-404; Section 29-20-202 and Section 55-8-108, relative to governmental tort liability.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-20-403(b), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(3)(A)

(i) Except as otherwise required by subitem (ii) below, minimum limits of not less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for bodily injury or death of any one person in any one accident, occurrence or act and not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for bodily injury or death of all persons in any one accident, occurrence or act; and

(ii) Minimum limits of not less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for bodily injury or death of an innocent third party in any one accident, occurrence or act wherein such injury or death was proximately caused by the negligent conduct of law enforcement personnel in pursuit of a fleeing

suspect and not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury or death of all such third parties in any one such accident, occurrence or act; and

(B) In cases arising out of the ownership, maintenance and use of automobiles, minimum limits of not less than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), for injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident, occurrence or act.

(C) The provisions of this subdivision (b)(3) apply only to actions arising on or after July 1, 2001.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.