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CHAPTER 194

AN ACT to amend 331.04 (4) and (5) of the statutes, relating to damages recoverable by plaintiff in wrongful death action.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

331.04 (4) and (5) of the statutes are amended to read:

331.04 (4) Judgment for damages for pecuniary injury from wrongful death shall not exceed * * * \$22,500. Additional damages not to exceed * * * \$3,000 for loss of society and companionship may be awarded to spouse, *unemancipated or dependent children* or parents of deceased. In any case where a decedent leaves a dependent * * * *child* under * * * 18 years of age, the above maximum limit for pecuniary loss recoverable shall be increased * * * \$2,000 on account of each child but not exceeding a total increase of * * * \$10,000.

(5) If the personal representative brings the action he may also recover funeral expenses * * *, *including the reasonable cost of a cemetery lot, grave marker and perpetual care of such lot, not exceeding \$1,000.* If a relative brings the action he may recover *such* funeral expenses on behalf of himself or of any relative specified in this section who has paid or assumed liability for such expenses.

Approved July 17, 1959.
