

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Judiciary

Assembly Bill 843

Relating to: punitive damage awards.

By Representatives Gundrum, Huebsch, Albers, Nischke, Krawczyk, Musser, Hahn, Owens, F. Lasee, Nass, Vos, Bies and Kestell; cosponsored by Senators Grothman, Schultz, Roessler and Lazich.

November 23, 2005 Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

December 13, 2005 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (8) Representatives Gundrum, McCormick, Pridemore,
Kerkman, Kleefisch, Staskunas, Turner and Kessler.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Mark Gundrum — Representative, 84th Assembly District
- Glenn Grothman — Senator, 20th Senate District
- Jim Hough — Civil Trial Counsel of Wisconsin
- Jim Hough — Wisconsin Economic Development Association, Inc.
- Jim Hough — Wisconsin Coalition for Civil Justice
- Eric Englund — Wisconsin Insurance Alliance
- Katherine Stadler — Attorney, Wisconsin Insurance Alliance
- Joseph Screnock, Baraboo — Attorney
- John Metcalf — Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce

Appearances Against

- Jeff Spitzer-Resnick — Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy
- Michael Riley — Attorney, State Bar of Wisconsin - Litigation Section
- Robert Jaskulski — Attorney, Wisconsin Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Joanne Ricca — Wisconsin State AFL-CIO

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Michael Vaughan — Wisconsin Institute of CPAs
- Bill Smith — National Federation of Independent Business

Registrations Against

- Mark Reihl — Wisconsin State Council of Carpenters
- Paul Sicula — Wisconsin Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Darcy Haber — Wisconsin Citizen Action

January 19, 2006

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (8) Representatives Gundrum, McCormick, Pridemore,
Kerkman, Kleefisch, Staskunas, Turner and Kessler.
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Kerkman, seconded by Representative
McCormick that **Assembly Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (8) Representatives Gundrum, McCormick, Pridemore,
Kerkman, Kleefisch, Staskunas, Turner and Kessler.
Noes: (0) None.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 8,
Noes 0

Moved by Representative Kerkman, seconded by Representative
McCormick that **Assembly Bill 843** be recommended for passage as
amended.

Ayes: (5) Representatives Gundrum, McCormick, Pridemore,
Kerkman and Kleefisch.
Noes: (3) Representatives Staskunas, Turner and Kessler.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 3

Jolene Churchill
Committee Clerk