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A BILL

FOR AN ACT relating to the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act; to amend sections 13-922 and 13-926, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change amounts recoverable as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 13-922 Reissue Revised Statutes of
 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 13-922. (1) The total amount recoverable against any 4 employee for claims filed pursuant to section 13-920 or 13-921 5 arising out of an occurrence after May 13, 1987, <u>and prior to the</u> 6 <u>effective date of this act</u> shall be limited to: (1) (a) One 7 million dollars for any person for any number of claims arising out 8 of a single occurrence; and (2) (b) five million dollars for all 9 claims arising out of a single occurrence.

10 (2) The total amount recoverable against any employee for 11 claims filed pursuant to section 13-920 arising out of an occurrence 12 on or after the effective date of this act shall be limited to: (a) 13 Three million dollars for any person for any number of claims arising 14 out of a single occurrence; and (b) twelve million dollars for all 15 claims arising out of a single occurrence.

Sec. 2. Section 13-926 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18 13-926. (1) The total amount recoverable under the 19 Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act for claims arising out of an 20 occurrence after November 16, 1985, and prior to the effective date 21 of this act shall be limited to

22 (1) (a) One million dollars for any person for any 23 number of claims arising out of a single occurrence; and 24 (2) (b) Five million dollars for all claims arising out 25 of a single occurrence.

26 (2) The total amount recoverable under the Political
 27 Subdivisions Tort Claims Act for claims arising out of an occurrence

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1 <u>on or after the effective date of this act shall be limited to:</u>
2 <u>(a) Three million dollars for any person for any number of</u>
3 claims arising out of a single occurrence; and

4 (b) Twelve million dollars for all claims arising out of a
5 single occurrence.

6 (3) If the damages sustained by an innocent third party 7 pursuant to section 13-911 are not fully recoverable from one or more 8 political subdivisions due to the limitations in this section, additional sources for recovery shall be as follows: First, any 9 offsetting payments specified in subsection (3) of section 13-911 10 11 shall be reduced to the extent necessary to fully compensate the innocent third party; and second, if such reduction is insufficient to 12 fully compensate the innocent third party, the right of reimbursement 13 14 granted to the political subdivision in subsection (2) of section 15 13-911 shall be reduced to the extent necessary to fully compensate 16 the innocent third party.

Sec. 3. Original sections 13-922 and 13-926, Reissue Revised
Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

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