

(b) In any action for damages for personal injury in which the cause of action arises on or after July 1, 1986, an award for noneconomic damages may not exceed \$350,000.

(c) An award by the health claims arbitration panel in accordance with § 3-2A-06 of this article shall be considered an award for purposes of this section.

(D) (1) IN A JURY TRIAL, THE JURY MAY NOT BE INFORMED OF THE LIMITATION ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) IF THE JURY AWARDS AN AMOUNT FOR NONECONOMIC DAMAGES THAT EXCEEDS THE LIMITATION ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL REDUCE THE AMOUNT TO CONFORM TO THE LIMITATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act shall apply to any jury trial commencing after the effective date of this Act in an action subject to the provisions of § 11-108 of the Courts Article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

Approved May 25, 1989.

CHAPTER 630

(Senate Bill 900)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - Mid-Shore Center for
the Performing Arts, Inc. Loan of 1989

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$250,000 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mid-Shore Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. for the purpose of restoring and renovating the historic Avalon Theatre in Easton located in Talbot County, subject to the requirement that the Mid-Shore Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. provide a at least an equal and matching fund of a certain kind for the same purpose by a certain date; requiring that certain easements be granted to the Maryland Historical Trust; and providing generally for the issue and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.