

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - State Government**

13-313.

THE DIAMONDBACK TERRAPIN (MALACLEMYS TERRAPIN) IS THE STATE REPTILE AND OFFICIAL MASCOT OF THE STATE'S FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITY AT COLLEGE PARK.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1994.

Approved May 26, 1994.

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**CHAPTER 477**

**(Senate Bill 283)**

AN ACT concerning

**Judgments - Limitation on Noneconomic Damages**

FOR the purpose of providing that the limitation on an award for noneconomic damages applies in a wrongful death action in which the cause of action arises on or after a certain date; providing for the application of the limitation on an award for noneconomic damages in a personal injury or wrongful death action to certain persons and actions; increasing the limitation on an award for noneconomic damages in certain causes of action arising on or after a certain date; providing for an annual increase in the limitation on an award for noneconomic damages; establishing a certain limitation on an award for noneconomic damages in which there is a certain number of claimants or beneficiaries; providing for the reduction of an award in certain wrongful death actions under certain circumstances; defining the term "noneconomic damages" for purposes of applying the limitation on an award for noneconomic damages in a wrongful death action; ~~providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act~~; providing for the construction and application of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the limitation on an award for noneconomic damages in certain actions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 11-108 and 11-109(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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