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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to prejudgment interest; creating s.  
3 55.031, F.S.; requiring a court to include prejudgment  
4 interest on the amount of money damages awarded to a  
5 plaintiff in a final judgment; providing for  
6 retroactive application; providing an effective date.  
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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10 Section 1. Section 55.031, Florida Statutes, is created to  
11 read:

12 55.031 Prejudgment interest.—In an action in which a  
13 plaintiff is entitled to recover money damages, including, but  
14 not limited to, court costs or attorney fees, the court shall,  
15 in the final judgment, include interest on the amount of the  
16 money damages awarded at the rate established pursuant to s.  
17 55.03, with such interest accruing from the date of injury or  
18 loss.

19 Section 2. Section 55.031, Florida Statutes, as created by  
20 this act, shall apply retroactively to all actions pending on  
21 the effective date of this act and any action initiated on or  
22 after such date.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.