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Present law authorizes exemplary damages under certain circumstances for domestic abuse caused by a wanton and reckless disregard for the rights and safety of a family or household member.

Proposed law retains present law and adds dating partner as a person who may recover such exemplary damages.

Proposed law also provides certain prescriptive period terms for a civil action for an act of domestic abuse, family violence, or sexual abuse.

Proposed law further authorizes the admissibility and consideration in such actions of evidence of the defendant's commission of a crime, wrong, or act involving domestic abuse, family violence, or sexual abuse.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends C.C. Art. 2315.8(A); adds C.C. Art. 3496.3 and C.E. Art. 412.5)