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<u>Present law</u> 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.

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

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

<u>Proposed law</u> 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)

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