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## DIGEST

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HB 51 Original

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**ABSTRACT:** Increases the total amount recoverable for medical malpractice claims when a patient dies from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

Present law, relative to medical malpractice, limits the total amount recoverable for all malpractice claims for injuries to or death of a patient, exclusive of future medical care and related benefits, to a maximum of \$500,000 plus interest and costs.

Proposed law creates an exception to present law by providing that the total amount recoverable for all malpractice claims for the death of a patient shall not exceed \$1,000,000 plus interest and costs.

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

(Amends R.S. 40:1231.2(B)(1) and 1237.1(F)(intro. para.))