

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 78

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL

EVIDENCE: Provides relative to evidence of force of impact in personal injury cases

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Code of Evidence Article 416, relative to evidence of force of impact; to provide  
3 that evidence of force of impact may be considered to determine the occurrence or  
4 nature and extent of injury; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Code of Evidence Article 416 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 Art. 416. Force of impact

8 In any claim for personal injury damages, evidence of force of impact may  
9 be considered to determine the causation of an injury or the nature and extent of any  
10 injuries sustained.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes evidence of force of impact to determine an injury's causation, nature, and extent.

Present law does not provide for force of impact evidence.

Proposed law provides that such evidence may be used to determine the causation of an injury and nature and extent of any injuries sustained.

(Adds C.E. Art. 416)