

HOUSE BILL 832

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By: **Delegate Stewart**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2024

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Provisions – Damages or Losses – Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of defining “damages” or “losses” in certain statutory causes of action; and
4 generally relating to damages or losses.

5 BY adding to
6 Article – General Provisions
7 Section 1–107.1
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
11 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article – General Provisions**

13 **1–107.1.**

14 **IN STATUTORY CAUSES OF ACTION CREATED BY THIS CODE TO PROTECT CIVIL**
15 **RIGHTS OR CONSUMER RIGHTS, “DAMAGES” OR “LOSSES”:**

16 **(1) MEANS MONEY CLAIMED BY, OR ORDERED TO BE PAID TO, A**
17 **PERSON AS COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OR INJURY RESULTING FROM THE VIOLATION**
18 **OF THE PERSON’S RIGHTS OR PROTECTIONS; AND**

19 **(2) INCLUDES REASONABLE NOMINAL DAMAGES.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2024.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

