



DON'T BELIEVE THE LIES ABOUT SB 30

SB 30 does two main things: (1) it prevents doctors and lawyers from collaborating to run up medical bills to inflate damages in injury lawsuits, and (2) it gives jurors clearer definitions and standards for awarding pain & suffering and mental anguish damages.

Here are the facts of SB 30:

- SB 30 *in no way* connects a plaintiff's income level to their recovery of damages. No matter the plaintiff's income level, SB 30 ensures that a plaintiff will receive fair and reasonable compensation for their injuries.
- SB 30 *in no way* equates the value of a human life to their income level.
- SB 30 *in no way* protects Communist China or any other bad actor.
- SB 30 *in no way* benefits doctors performing gender-modification surgeries on minors.
- SB 30 *in no way* limits the ability of a plaintiff to talk about his or her personal values in relation to the loss of a loved one.
- SB 30 *in no way* prevents legal recovery of any person – regardless of age, race, gender or creed – harmed by the acts or products of others.
- SB 30 *in no way* blocks Texans' access to the courthouse.

When critics of SB 30 contact you, ask them to back up their complaints with *specific references to the bill itself.*

Specific provisions of SB 30:

- Requires the disclosure of agreements between plaintiff's lawyers and collaborating healthcare providers.
- If a plaintiff's medical bills are *unpaid*, SB 30 governs the evidence of medical damages so that juries aren't misled and personal injury patients aren't billed at inflated rates compared to those who aren't involved in lawsuits.
- Gives jurors understandable definitions of pain & suffering and mental anguish and clear instructions that those damages should be based on the plaintiff's injury—not to conduct *unrelated* to the incident being litigated.
- Prevents attorneys from asking juries to award noneconomic damages based on objects, mathematical values, or metrics *with no connection to the facts of the case.*
- Requires jury charges have four blanks in personal injury trials—past mental anguish, future mental anguish, past physical pain & suffering, future physical pain & suffering—not eight or ten blanks containing overlapping subcategories of noneconomic damages.
- Makes clear that all forms of noneconomic loss suffered by plaintiffs are compensable, including suffering caused by disfiguring and physically impairing injuries.