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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill narrows the right to sue a negligent driver for noneconomic damages caused by the negligent driver in a motor vehicle accident.

- 1** **Limitation of damages for noneconomic detriment.** Under current law, a person injured in a motor vehicle accident as a result of alleged negligence by a driver has the right to sue the driver for noneconomic loss such as pain and suffering if the injured person's medical costs exceed \$4,000 or if the injured person suffered permanent disfigurement, permanent injury, death, or disability for 60 days or more. This section eliminates the right to sue based on the \$4,000 threshold and narrows the right to sue based on permanent injury, by requiring that the "permanent injury" be "a serious permanent impairment of an important bodily function."