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Overview

This bill provides that the total liability of the state or a municipality may not exceed \$1,000,000 in total if the claims involve nonprofit corporations engaged in or administering outdoor recreational activities funded or operating under a government-issued permit. This limit is an aggregate limit that applies regardless of the number of claims filed resulting from a single occurrence.

The limit would apply to claims arising on or after the day following final enactment. The current tort liability of the state or municipality for all other types of claims resulting from a single occurrence, regardless of the number of claims filed because of that occurrence, remains at \$1,500,000.

The existing limit on the total liability to a single claimant (\$500,000) remains unchanged, regardless of the type of claim.

- 1** **Limits (state liability).** Enacts the new tort liability limit described above, in the section of law governing tort claims against the state.
- 2** **Limits (municipal liability).** Enacts the new tort liability limit described above, in the section of law governing tort claims against a municipality.
- 3** **Disposition of multiple claims.** Makes a conforming change to reflect changes made to this section of statute.