



AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO CIVIL SETTLEMENTS; AND PROVIDING THAT A PARTY TO A SETTLEMENT MAY NOT DEMAND THAT DAMAGES BE CLASSIFIED IN A CERTAIN CATEGORY OF DAMAGES UNLESS THE PARTIES AGREE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Compromise and settlement of civil claims -- negotiation. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a party in a settlement negotiation may not demand, as a condition of settlement, that the settlement proceeds are classified as a specific category of damage that does not accurately describe the specific damages at issue.

(2) The parties may stipulate that any damages may be classified as any category of damages. The stipulation must be included in the settlement agreement.

Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 27, chapter 1, and the provisions of Title 27, chapter 1, apply to [section 1].

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
SB 218, originated in the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

SENATE BILL NO. 218
INTRODUCED BY G. HERTZ

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