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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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| 735 ILCS 5/2-101 | from Ch. 110, par. 2-101 |
| 735 ILCS 5/2-102 | from Ch. 110, par. 2-102 |
| 735 ILCS 5/2-103 | from Ch. 110, par. 2-103 |
| 735 ILCS 5/2-110 new | |
| 735 ILCS 5/2-1107.1 | from Ch. 110, par. 2-1107.1 |
| 735 ILCS 5/2-1117 | from Ch. 110, par. 2-1117 |
| 735 ILCS 5/2-1205.2 new | |

Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Deletes a provision authorizing an action to be commenced in any county if all defendants are nonresidents of this State. Limits venue for actions against corporations, partnerships, and insurance companies. Provides that in actions in which no party is a resident of this State and over which another forum has jurisdiction, the court shall, upon motion, dismiss the action subject to specified conditions. Provides that joint and several liability attaches when a defendant is found to be 50%, rather than 25%, at fault. Limits amounts recovered for medical care, treatment, or services and caretaking expenses to the amounts actually paid for those expenses regardless of the amounts initially billed.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by
5 changing Sections 2-101, 2-102, 2-103, 2-1107.1, and 2-1117
6 and by adding Sections 2-110 and 2-1205.2 as follows:

7 (735 ILCS 5/2-101) (from Ch. 110, par. 2-101)

8 Sec. 2-101. Generally. Except as otherwise provided in
9 this Act, every action must be commenced (1) in the county of
10 residence of any defendant who is joined in good faith and with
11 probable cause for the purpose of obtaining a judgment against
12 him or her and not solely for the purpose of fixing venue in
13 that county, or (2) in the county in which the transaction or
14 some part thereof occurred out of which the cause of action
15 arose.

16 If a check, draft, money order, or other instrument for
17 the payment of child support payable to or delivered to the
18 State Disbursement Unit established under Section 10-26 of the
19 Illinois Public Aid Code is returned by the bank or depository
20 for any reason, venue for the enforcement of any criminal
21 proceedings or civil cause of action for recovery and attorney
22 fees shall be in the county where the principal office of the
23 State Disbursement Unit is located.

1 ~~If all defendants are nonresidents of the State, an action~~
2 ~~may be commenced in any county.~~

3 If the corporate limits of a city, village or town extend
4 into more than one county, then the venue of an action or
5 proceeding instituted by that municipality to enforce any
6 fine, imprisonment, penalty or forfeiture for violation of any
7 ordinance of that municipality, regardless of the county in
8 which the violation was committed or occurred, may be in the
9 appropriate court (i) in the county wherein the office of the
10 clerk of the municipality is located or (ii) in any county in
11 which at least 35% of the territory within the municipality's
12 corporate limits is located.

13 The changes to this Section made by this amendatory Act of
14 the 102nd General Assembly apply to actions filed on or after
15 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General
16 Assembly.

17 (Source: P.A. 91-212, eff. 7-20-99.)

18 (735 ILCS 5/2-102) (from Ch. 110, par. 2-102)

19 Sec. 2-102. Residence of corporations, voluntary
20 unincorporated associations and partnerships defined. For
21 purposes of venue, the following definitions apply:

22 (a) Any private corporation or railroad or bridge company,
23 organized under the laws of this State, and any foreign
24 corporation authorized to transact business in this State is a
25 resident of any county in which it has its registered office or

1 other office or, if on due inquiry no office can be found in
2 this State, any county in which it is doing business. A foreign
3 corporation not authorized to transact business in this State
4 is a nonresident of this State.

5 (b) A partnership sued in its firm name is a resident of
6 any county ~~in which any partner resides or~~ in which the
7 partnership has an office or, if on due inquiry no office can
8 be found in this State, any county in which it is doing
9 business. A partnership sued in its firm name, of which all
10 partners are nonresidents of this State and which does not
11 have an office or do business in this State, is a nonresident
12 of this State.

13 (c) A voluntary unincorporated association sued in its own
14 name is a resident of any county in which the association has
15 an office or, if on due inquiry no office can be found, in
16 which any officer of the association resides. A voluntary
17 unincorporated association sued in its own name, of which all
18 its members are nonresidents of this State and which does not
19 have an office or do business in this State, is a nonresident
20 of this State.

21 The changes to this Section made by this amendatory Act of
22 the 102nd General Assembly apply to actions filed on or after
23 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General
24 Assembly.

25 (Source: P.A. 83-901.)

1 (735 ILCS 5/2-103) (from Ch. 110, par. 2-103)

2 Sec. 2-103. Public corporations - Local actions - Libel
3 ~~Libel - Insurance companies.~~

4 (a) Actions must be brought against a public, municipal,
5 governmental or quasi-municipal corporation in the county in
6 which its principal office is located or in the county in which
7 the transaction or some part thereof occurred out of which the
8 cause of action arose. Except as otherwise provided in Section
9 7-102 of this Code, if the cause of action is related to an
10 airport owned by a unit of local government or the property or
11 aircraft operations thereof, however, including an action
12 challenging the constitutionality of this amendatory Act of
13 the 93rd General Assembly, the action must be brought in the
14 county in which the unit of local government's principal
15 office is located. Actions to recover damage to real estate
16 which may be overflowed or otherwise damaged by reason of any
17 act of the corporation may be brought in the county where the
18 real estate or some part of it is situated, or in the county
19 where the corporation is located, at the option of the party
20 claiming to be injured. Except as otherwise provided in
21 Section 7-102 of this Code, any cause of action that is related
22 to an airport owned by a unit of local government, and that is
23 pending on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act
24 of the 93rd General Assembly in a county other than the county
25 in which the unit of local government's principal office is
26 located, shall be transferred, upon motion of any party under

1 Section 2-106 of this Code, to the county in which the unit of
2 local government's principal office is located.

3 (b) Any action to quiet title to real estate, or to
4 partition or recover possession thereof or to foreclose a
5 mortgage or other lien thereon, must be brought in the county
6 in which the real estate or some part of it is situated.

7 (c) Any action which is made local by any statute must be
8 brought in the county designated in the statute.

9 (d) Every action against any owner, publisher, editor,
10 author or printer of a newspaper or magazine of general
11 circulation for libel contained in that newspaper or magazine
12 may be commenced only in the county in which the defendant
13 resides or has his, her or its principal office or in which the
14 article was composed or printed, except when the defendant
15 resides or the article was printed without this State, in
16 either of which cases the action may be commenced in any county
17 in which the libel was circulated or published.

18 (e) (Blank). ~~Actions against any insurance company~~
19 ~~incorporated under the law of this State or doing business in~~
20 ~~this State may also be brought in any county in which the~~
21 ~~plaintiff or one of the plaintiffs may reside.~~

22 (f) The changes to this Section made by this amendatory
23 Act of the 102nd General Assembly apply to actions filed on or
24 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd
25 General Assembly.

26 (Source: P.A. 93-450, eff. 8-6-03.)

1 (735 ILCS 5/2-110 new)

2 Sec. 2-110. Motion to dismiss for inconvenient venue.

3 (a) In any action in which none of the parties is a
4 resident of this State and over which another forum has
5 jurisdiction, the court shall on motion dismiss the action on
6 the conditions set forth in subsection (b) unless the cause of
7 action primarily arose in this State or the interests of
8 justice require that the action proceed in this State. The
9 court in its discretion may award costs and reasonable
10 attorney's fees in connection with the dismissal.

11 (b) Dismissal of the action shall be on condition that:

12 (i) if the plaintiff elects to file the action in another forum
13 within 6 months after the dismissal order, the defendant shall
14 accept service of process from that court; and (ii) if the
15 statute of limitations has run in the other forum, the
16 defendant shall waive that defense. If the defendant refuses
17 to abide by these conditions, the action shall be reinstated
18 for further proceedings in the court in which the dismissal
19 was granted. If the court in the other forum refuses to accept
20 jurisdiction, the plaintiff may, within 30 days after the
21 final order refusing jurisdiction, reinstate the action in the
22 court in which the dismissal was granted.

23 (c) This Section applies to actions filed on or after the
24 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General
25 Assembly. Motions authorized by this Section are in addition

1 to, and not in place of, a motion otherwise available to a
2 party or the court or under any other statute or rule or the
3 common law.

4 (735 ILCS 5/2-1107.1) (from Ch. 110, par. 2-1107.1)

5 (Text of Section WITHOUT the changes made by P.A. 89-7,
6 which has been held unconstitutional)

7 Sec. 2-1107.1. Jury instruction in tort actions. In all
8 actions on account of bodily injury or death or physical
9 damage to property based on negligence, or product liability
10 based on strict tort liability, the court shall instruct the
11 jury in writing that: (a) the defendant shall be found not
12 liable if the jury finds that the contributory fault of the
13 plaintiff is more than 50% of the proximate cause of the injury
14 or damage for which recovery is sought; and (b) if the
15 defendant is found liable, (i) the defendant is jointly and
16 severally liable for the plaintiff's past and future medical
17 and medically related expenses regardless of the fault
18 attributed to the defendant and (ii) the defendant is jointly
19 and severally liable for the plaintiff's other damages if the
20 jury finds that the fault of the defendant is 50% or more of
21 the proximate cause.

22 The changes to this Section made by this amendatory Act of
23 the 102nd General Assembly apply to actions filed on or after
24 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General
25 Assembly.

1 (Source: P.A. 84-1431.)

2 (735 ILCS 5/2-1117) (from Ch. 110, par. 2-1117)

3 Sec. 2-1117. Joint liability. Except as provided in
4 Section 2-1118, in actions on account of bodily injury or
5 death or physical damage to property, based on negligence, or
6 product liability based on strict tort liability, all
7 defendants found liable are jointly and severally liable for
8 plaintiff's past and future medical and medically related
9 expenses. Any defendant whose fault, as determined by the
10 trier of fact, is less than 50% ~~25%~~ of the total fault of all
11 tortfeasors, including but not limited to the plaintiff's
12 employer, nonparties, entities that have settled, or any other
13 person that the trier of fact finds was at fault and a
14 proximate cause of the injury or damage for which recovery is
15 sought by ~~attributable to~~ the plaintiff, the defendants sued
16 by the plaintiff, and any third party defendant except the
17 plaintiff's employer, shall be severally liable for all other
18 damages. Any defendant whose fault, as determined by the trier
19 of fact, is 50% ~~25%~~ or greater of the total fault of all
20 tortfeasors, including but not limited to plaintiff's
21 employer, nonparties, entities that have settled, or any other
22 person that the trier of fact finds was at fault and a
23 proximate cause of the injury or damage for which recovery is
24 sought by the plaintiff ~~attributable to the plaintiff, the~~
25 ~~defendants sued by the plaintiff, and any third party~~

1 ~~defendants except the plaintiff's employer,~~ shall be jointly
2 and severally liable for all other damages.

3 The changes to this Section made by this amendatory Act of
4 the 102nd General Assembly apply to actions filed on or after
5 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General
6 Assembly.

7 (Source: P.A. 93-10, eff. 6-4-03; 93-12, eff. 6-4-03.)

8 (735 ILCS 5/2-1205.2 new)

9 Sec. 2-1205.2. Recovery of medical expenses. In actions on
10 account of bodily injury or death in which recovery is sought
11 for the reasonable expense of necessary medical care,
12 treatment, or services, including but not limited to medical,
13 hospital, nursing, or caretaking expenses, the amount
14 recovered shall be not more than the amount actually paid or
15 the amount expected to be actually paid for such expenses,
16 regardless of the amount initially billed for such expenses.
17 The court may hear evidence of the amount actually paid or the
18 amount expected to be paid for such services. This Section
19 applies to actions filed on or after the effective date of this
20 amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly.