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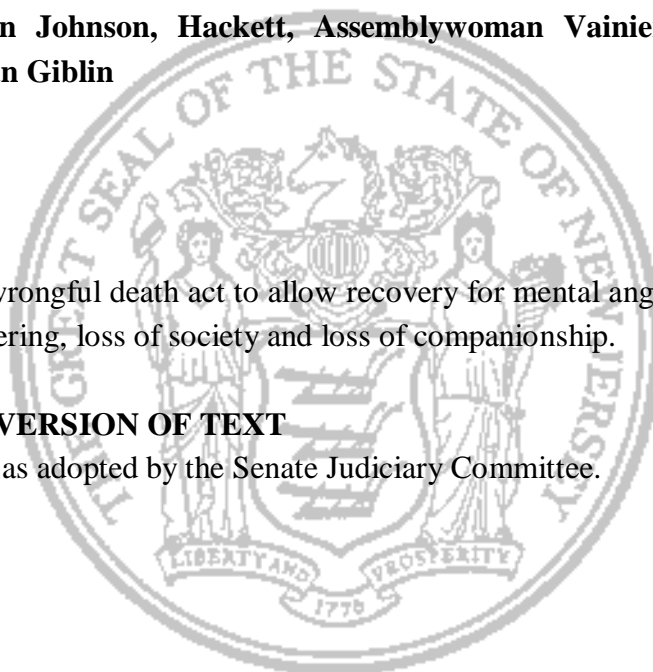
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SYNOPSIS

Expands wrongful death act to allow recovery for mental anguish, emotional pain and suffering, loss of society and loss of companionship.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Substitute as adopted by the Senate Judiciary Committee.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning death by wrongful act and amending
2 N.J.S.2A:31-5.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. N.J.S.2A:31-5 is amended to read as follows:

8 2A:31-5. In every action brought under the provisions of this
9 chapter the jury may give such damages as they shall deem fair and
10 just with reference to the pecuniary injuries resulting from such
11 death, together with the hospital, medical and funeral expenses
12 incurred for the deceased, to the persons entitled to any intestate
13 personal property of the decedent. Damages may also be recovered
14 hereunder for mental anguish, emotional pain and suffering, loss of
15 society and loss of companionship.

16 (cf: P.L.1967, c.307)

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all
19 causes of action arising on or after the effective date of the act.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.