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# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1981



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Com. Sub. for  
HOUSE BILL No. 932

(By Mr. Tompkins)



Passed April 6, 1981

In Effect Ninety Days From Passage

**ENROLLED**  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
**H. B. 932**  
(By MR. TOMPKINS)

[Passed April 6, 1981; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section thirty-one, article six, chapter fifty-six of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to providing for interest on judgments or decrees entered by any court of this state and establishing the rate of such interest.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section thirty-one, article six, chapter fifty-six of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 6. TRIAL.**

**§56-6-31. Interest on judgment or decree.**

1 Except where it is otherwise provided by law, every judg-  
2 ment or decree for the payment of money entered by any court  
3 of this state shall bear interest from the date thereof, whether  
4 it be so stated in the judgment or decree or not: *Provided,*  
5 That if the judgment or decree, or any part thereof, is for  
6 special damages, as defined below, or for liquidated damages,  
7 the amount of such special or liquidated damages shall bear

8 interest from the date the right to bring the same shall have  
9 accrued, as determined by the court. Special damages in-  
10 cludes lost wages and income, medical expenses, damages to  
11 tangible personal property, and similar out-of-pocket ex-  
12 penditures, as determined by the court. The rate of interest  
13 shall be ten dollars upon one hundred dollars per annum,  
14 and proportionately for a greater or lesser sum, or for a  
15 longer or shorter time, notwithstanding any other provisions  
16 of law.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

*R. P. Baylor*  
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Chairman Senate Committee

*Jonny E. Whitlow*  
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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

*Joseph C. White*  
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Clerk of the Senate

*W. Bloukenskijs*  
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Walter P. Morgan*  
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President of the Senate

*Charles G. Lee, Jr.*  
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Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 24  
day of April, 1981.

*Robert R. Ryan*  
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Governor

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