

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL NO. 552

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR TRENT.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 537, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to civil actions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 537, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 537.767, to read as
3 follows:

537.767. 1. In any civil action for personal injury,
2 death, or property damage caused by a product, regardless of
3 the type of claims alleged or the theory of liability
4 asserted, the plaintiff shall prove, among other elements,
5 that the defendant designed, manufactured, sold, or leased
6 the particular product the use of which is alleged to have
7 caused the injury on which the claim is based, and not a
8 similar or equivalent product. Designers, manufacturers,
9 sellers, or lessors of products not identified as having
10 been used, ingested, or encountered by an allegedly injured
11 party shall not be held liable for any alleged injury. A
12 person, firm, corporation, association, partnership, or
13 other legal or business entity whose design is copied or
14 otherwise used by a manufacturer without the designer's
15 express authorization shall not be subject to liability for
16 personal injury, death, or property damage caused by the
17 manufacturer's product, even if the use of the design was
18 foreseeable.

19 2. This section shall not alter or affect any other
20 provision of law, including those provisions that apply to
21 successor entities, distributors, component manufacturers,
22 or manufacturers who use component parts in assembling
23 products for sale as complete units or those provisions that
24 apply to the operation of a contract, including a licensing
25 agreement.

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