

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 940

Short Title: Jury Instruction/Multiple Damages.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Miller.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

April 19, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW A JUDGE, IN ACTIONS WHERE THE DAMAGE AWARD
2 THAT THE JURY RETURNS IS DOUBLED OR TREBLED, TO, IN HIS
3 DISCRETION, CHARGE OR INSTRUCT THE JURY ACCORDINGLY.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 1A-1, Rule 51, is amended by adding a new subsection to
7 read:

8 "(b1) Subject to the provision of subsection (b) of this section, in an action where
9 the damage award that the jury determines in its verdict will, by law, be doubled or
10 trebled, the judge may, in his discretion, inform or instruct the jury accordingly."

11 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification and applies to any cause of
12 action that goes to trial on or after that date.