

HB 2689 -- UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES

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This bill specifies that, if a court decides to award attorneys' fees in actions filed for unlawful discriminatory practices, the reasonableness of the award will be the lesser of:

- (1) One-third of the actual damages awarded to the plaintiff;
- (2) The difference between the amount of actual damages awarded to the plaintiff and an offer of judgment filed with the court more than 180 days before the commencement of trial; or
- (3) Actual attorney fees incurred by the plaintiff during the litigation at a rate not to exceed \$150 per hour if the plaintiffs attorney or attorneys were not retained on a contingency fee basis.