An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 865

By: Sykes and Brecheen of the Senate

and

Sullivan of the House

An Act relating to jury instructions; providing requirements for Oklahoma Uniform Jury Instructions; establishing requirements for certain exhibits; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Jury instructions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 577.4 of Title 12, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Oklahoma Uniform Jury Instructions (OUJI) applicable in a civil case shall include an instruction notifying the jury that no part of an award for damages for personal injury or wrongful death is subject to federal or state income tax. Any amount that the jury determines to be proper compensation for personal injury or wrongful death should not be increased or decreased by any consideration for income taxes. In order to be admitted at trial, any exhibit relating to damage awards shall reflect accurate tax ramifications.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

Passed the Senate the 1st day of March, 2011.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 29th day of March, 2011.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Governor this 30th
day of March, **20** 11,
at 3:09 **o'clock** P. **M.**

By: Jessica R. Rogers

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma the 5th **day of**
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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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By: Michelle R. Day