AN ACT the amend the civil practice law and rules, in relation to punitive damages in asbestos litigation

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The civil practice law and rules is amended by adding a new article 99 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 99
PUNITIVE DAMAGES IN ASBESTOS LITIGATION

§ 9901. Punitive damages in asbestos litigation. Punitive damages may not be awarded in any civil action alleging damages arising out of exposure to asbestos.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law, and shall apply to all actions commenced on or after such date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.