

No. 345

AN ACT

Concerning actions for libel, slander or other torts; barring certain actions; regulating the recovery of damages; and making uniform the law with reference thereto.

Uniform Single
Publication Act.

No person to
have more than
one cause of
action for
damages for libel
or slander
founded upon a
single
publication.

Certain actions
barred.

Interpretation
of act.

Short title.

Act not
retroactive.

Act effective
immediately.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. No person shall have more than one cause of action for damages for libel or slander, or invasion of privacy, or any other tort founded upon any single publication, or exhibition, or utterance, such as any one edition of a newspaper, or book, or magazine, or any one presentation to an audience, or any one broadcast over radio or television, or any one exhibition of a motion picture. Recovery in any action shall include all damages for any such tort suffered by the plaintiff in all jurisdictions.

Section 2. A judgment in any jurisdiction for or against the plaintiff upon the substantive merits of any action for damages founded upon a single publication, or exhibition, or utterance, as described in section one, shall bar any other action for damages by the same plaintiff against the same defendant founded upon the same publication, or exhibition, or utterance.

Section 3. This act shall be so interpreted as to effectuate its purpose to make uniform the law of those states or jurisdictions which enact it.

Section 4. This act may be cited as the Uniform Single Publication Act.

Section 5. This act shall not be retroactive as to causes of action existing on its effective date.

Section 6. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 21st day of August, A. D. 1953.

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To amend the last paragraph of subsection A of section 1 of the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1145), entitled, as amended, "An act empowering cities of the second class, cities of the second class A, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns, townships of the first class, townships of the second class, school districts of the second class, school districts of the third class and school districts of the fourth class to levy, assess, and collect or to provide for the levying, assessment and collec-