



## **Amircani Law Announces Guidance for Atlanta Car Accident Victims Under New Georgia Tort Reform**

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Amircani Law has released comprehensive guidance for Atlanta car accident victims navigating injury claims under Georgia Senate Bill 68, signed into law by Governor Brian Kemp on April 21, 2025. The legislation represents the state's most comprehensive tort reform package in nearly two decades, fundamentally changing how medical damages are calculated and introducing new evidentiary rules that affect vehicle accident cases.

The new law eliminates Georgia's phantom damages rule, restricting car accident victims to recovering only the amounts actually paid or reasonably expected to be paid by health insurance, rather than the full billed amount. This change particularly impacts victims with strong insurance coverage whose providers have negotiated discounted rates. Additionally, SB 68 removes Georgia's longstanding seatbelt gag rule, allowing defense attorneys to introduce evidence of seatbelt non-use in all motor vehicle cases to argue comparative fault or reduce damages.

"The combination of phantom damages restrictions and the new seatbelt evidence rules creates a fundamentally different legal landscape for accident victims," stated Maha Amircani, Founder of Amircani Law

Atlanta car accident lawyer. "The period immediately following a crash has become the most legally critical time under this framework. Statements made before victims understand these new evidentiary rules can now be used against them more effectively than before. We're structuring our approach to help clients navigate these changes while protecting their rights to fair compensation."

Atlanta recorded 33,305 car crashes in 2024, averaging 91 per day, with 59 fatalities and 13,466 injuries, according to Georgia Department of Transportation and Governor's Office of Highway Safety data. The tens of thousands of victims filing claims in 2025 will do so under the new legal framework established by SB 68.

The legislation also introduces procedural changes that extend case timelines. When a defendant files a motion to dismiss, discovery is automatically stayed for up to 90 days, creating additional pressure on injured victims to accept early settlement offers. Furthermore, SB 68 restricts attorneys from anchoring non-economic damages by referencing specific dollar amounts until closing arguments, requiring those arguments to be rationally related to evidence.

These changes affect how Atlanta car accident lawyer practices must approach injury claims. Law firms are adapting their strategies to account for the phantom damages changes, structuring medical documentation to maximize recoverable amounts, and moving quickly to preserve evidence before defense teams can shape the record.

Amircani Law is a personal injury law firm based in Atlanta, Georgia, founded by Maha Amircani in 2013. The firm represents individuals injured in car accidents, truck accidents, motorcycle accidents, rideshare collisions, pedestrian accidents, and other personal injury matters throughout Atlanta and the surrounding metro area. Maha Amircani has been named a Georgia Super Lawyer four consecutive years from 2023 through 2026. The firm handles all cases on a contingency fee basis, with no upfront costs and a free initial case review, having recovered more than \$25 million for clients.

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