

Senate Bill No. 12

An act relating to Miami-Dade County; providing for the relief of Frank J. Ruck, Jr., and Marlene G. Ruck, individually and as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Christopher F. Ruck; providing for an appropriation to compensate them for the death of Christopher F. Ruck as a result of the negligence of Miami-Dade County; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, on June 16, 1996, Christopher F. Ruck was riding his bicycle in Miami Beach, Florida, and

WHEREAS, while riding his bicycle in a lawful manner, Christopher Ruck was struck and killed by a Miami-Dade bus, and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has admitted that the bus driver was 100 percent at fault for the accident and the death of Christopher Ruck, and

WHEREAS, Christopher Ruck was survived by his parents, Frank Ruck and Marlene Ruck, and

WHEREAS, Frank Ruck and Marlene Ruck, parents of Christopher Ruck, brought suit against Miami-Dade County, and

WHEREAS, prior to trial, Miami-Dade County and the plaintiffs agreed to a compromise settlement in the amount of \$1,000,000, and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has paid \$200,000 to Frank Ruck and Marlene Ruck, pursuant to the limits of liability set forth in section 768.28, Florida Statutes, and agrees to support a claim bill in the amount of \$800,000, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. The facts stated in the preamble to this act are found and declared to be true.

Section 2. Miami-Dade County is authorized and directed to appropriate from funds of the county not otherwise appropriated and to draw a warrant in the sum of \$800,000 payable to Frank J. Ruck, Jr., and Marlene G. Ruck, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Christopher F. Ruck, as compensation for the death of Christopher F. Ruck due to the negligence of Miami-Dade County.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor April 20, 2000.

Filed in Office Secretary of State April 20, 2000.