

Senate Bill No. 62

An act relating to Miami-Dade County; providing for the relief of Millie Jackson for injuries and damages sustained by her as a result of negligent acts by an employee of the county; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, on December 7, 1999, Millie Jackson was a passenger on a bus operated by Miami-Dade County, and

WHEREAS, the bus on which she was a passenger collided with a police vehicle that also was owned by Miami-Dade County, and

WHEREAS, an extensive investigation of the collision concluded that the bus operator failed to exercise caution, for which the operator was cited for running a red light, and

WHEREAS, as a result of that collision, the officer operating the police vehicle was killed and Ms. Jackson sustained injuries for which she received emergency treatment following the collision, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jackson has continued to undergo treatment for her injuries, including neck, shoulder, and low back pain radiating into her right arm and leg, lumbar pain, sacroiliac joint pain, and a herniated disc, by both a chiropractic physician and a neurologist, and

WHEREAS, the treating neurologist has attributed Ms. Jackson's ongoing medical condition to the injuries sustained in the collision, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the collision, Ms. Jackson has sustained both medical expenses and loss of earnings, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jackson did not have available insurance coverage to pay these medical expenses, for which the bills remain outstanding, and

WHEREAS, before a trial, Ms. Jackson and Miami-Dade County reached a settlement, and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County affirmatively supports a claim bill in favor of Millie Jackson in the amount of \$35,000, 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 \$35,000, which amount includes statutory attorney's fees and costs, payable to Millie Jackson as compensation for injuries and damages she sustained as the result of the negligence of an employee of the county.

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

Approved by the Governor June 5, 2002.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 5, 2002.