

House Bill No. 1689

An act relating to the City of Hialeah; providing for the relief of Asbel Llerena; authorizing and directing the City of Hialeah to compensate him for personal injuries and the death of Maria de Jesus Llerena due to the negligence of a City of Hialeah employee; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, on July 11, 1999, Maria de Jesus Llerena was a passenger in a car driven by Asbel Llerena, her husband, heading west on West 29th Street in Hialeah, and

WHEREAS, at the same time, a City of Hialeah rookie police officer, Alexis Castaneda, was driving south on West 8th Avenue in Hialeah in response to a call, and

WHEREAS, there was a collision at the intersection where many witnesses indicated that Officer Castaneda had a red light and failed to yield the right-of-way to Mr. Llerena who was driving through the intersection with a green light, and

WHEREAS, the incident has been litigated and the parties have reached an amicable resolution in which the City of Hialeah agreed to a settlement of \$400,000, and

WHEREAS, the city has paid \$200,000 to the claimant, leaving an unpaid settlement amount of \$200,000, 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. The City of Hialeah is authorized and directed to appropriate from funds of the city not otherwise appropriated and to draw a warrant in the amount of \$200,000, payable to Asbel Llerena, husband of Maria de Jesus Llerena, as compensation for personal injuries and the death of Maria de Jesus Llerena due to the negligence of an employee of the City of Hialeah.

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

Approved by the Governor June 26, 2003.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 26, 2003.