

CHAPTER 2015-211

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 3521

An act for the relief of Ronald Miller by the City of Hollywood; providing for an appropriation to compensate him for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the City of Hollywood; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2002, Ronald Miller was driving his pickup truck home from work, northbound on Federal Highway in the left-turn lane, and

WHEREAS, at that time Robert Mettler, a City of Hollywood employee, driving a city utilities truck, cut across the northbound lanes of traffic and crashed head-on into Ronald Miller's vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the impact of the crash caused Ronald Miller to have corrective surgeries for damage to both knees, and

WHEREAS, the jury returned a verdict in favor of Ronald Miller, and a final judgment was entered in the amount of \$1,130,731.89, and a cost judgment was entered in the amount of \$17,257.82, and

WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood has paid \$100,000 to Ronald Miller under the statutory limits of liability set forth in s. 768.28, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated in good faith and have arrived at a stipulated resolution of this matter for the payment by the City of Hollywood of an additional \$100,000 to Ronald Miller, 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 Hollywood is authorized and directed to appropriate from funds of the city not otherwise appropriated and to draw a warrant, payable to Ronald Miller, for the total amount of \$100,000 as compensation for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the City of Hollywood.

Section 3. The amount paid by the City of Hollywood pursuant to s. 768.28, Florida Statutes, and the amount awarded under this act are intended to provide the sole compensation for all present and future claims arising out of the factual situation described in this act which resulted in injuries to Ronald Miller. All expenses that constitute a part of Ronald Miller's judgments described in this claim shall be paid from the amount awarded under this act on a pro rata basis. The total amount paid for

attorney fees, lobbying fees, costs, and other similar expenses relating to this claim may not exceed 25 percent of the amount awarded under this act.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 11, 2015.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 11, 2015.