

By Representative Waters

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the City of Clearwater;
3 providing for the relief of Eva Skowronek, as
4 the widow of Wieslaw Skowronek, and for the
5 relief of Anna Marie Skowronek, Victor
6 Skowronek, and Hubert Skowronek, the children
7 of Wieslaw Skowronek; providing appropriations
8 to compensate them for the death of Wieslaw
9 Skowronek as a result of the negligence of the
10 City of Clearwater; providing an effective
11 date.

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13 WHEREAS, on Sunday, January 19, 1997, Wieslaw Skowronek
14 was visiting the Virgin Mary apparition at the Seminole
15 Finance Building in Clearwater, Florida, and

16 WHEREAS, as a result of the use of excessive force by a
17 City of Clearwater police officer, Wieslaw Skowronek's
18 pancreas was ruptured and he bled to death, and

19 WHEREAS, the death of Wieslaw Skowronek was clearly the
20 consequence of the negligence of the City of Clearwater, and

21 WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater and Eva Skowronek have
22 entered into a settlement agreement in which the City of
23 Clearwater has agreed to a settlement in the amount of
24 \$525,000, of which the City of Clearwater will pay \$200,000,
25 Ranger Insurance Company will pay \$125,000, and a claim bill
26 will be submitted for the remaining \$200,000, and

27 WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater has paid the \$200,000,
28 which is the maximum amount allowable under s. 768.28, Florida
29 Statutes, and Ranger Insurance Company has paid \$125,000, NOW,
30 THEREFORE,

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

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

Section 2. (1) The City of Clearwater is authorized and directed to compensate Eva Skowronek, as the widow of Wieslaw Skowronek, and Anna Marie Skowronek, Victor Skowronek, and Hubert Skowronek, children of Wieslaw Skowronek, for the death of Wieslaw Skowronek due to the negligence of a City of Clearwater employee, in the following amounts:

(a) \$100,000 to Eva Skowronek, as the widow of Wieslaw Skowronek.

(b) \$33,333.33 to Anna Marie Skowronek, age 20, as the child of Wieslaw Skowronek.

(c) \$33,333.33 to Victor Skowronek, as the minor child of Wieslaw Skowronek, to be placed in the guardianship account established for Victor Skowronek.

(d) \$33,333.33 to Hubert Skowronek, as the minor child of Wieslaw Skowronek, to be placed in the guardianship account established for Hubert Skowronek.

(2) Amounts paid for attorney's fees and costs, as limited in accordance with s. 768.28, Florida Statutes, shall be payable pro rata from each of the claimants.

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