

CS/HB 569

2011

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act for the relief of Ronald Miller by the City of
3 Hollywood; providing for an appropriation to compensate
4 him for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence
5 of the City of Hollywood; providing a limitation on the
6 payment of attorneys' and lobbyists' fees and costs;
7 providing an effective date.

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

12 WHEREAS, at that time, a City of Hollywood employee, Robert
13 Mettler, was driving a city utilities truck and crashed into Mr.
14 Miller's vehicle, and

15 WHEREAS, the impact of the crash caused Mr. Miller to have
16 corrective surgeries for damage to both knees, and

17 WHEREAS, the jury found in favor of Ronald Miller and a
18 Final Judgment was entered in the amount of \$1,130,731.89, and a
19 cost judgment was entered in the amount of \$17,257.82, and

20 WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood has paid \$100,000 to Ronald
21 Miller under the statutory limits of liability set forth in s.
22 768.28, Florida Statutes, and

23 WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated in good faith and have
24 arrived at a stipulated resolution of this matter by the payment
25 by the City of Hollywood of an additional \$100,000 to Ronald
26 Miller, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

32 Section 2. The City of Hollywood is authorized and
33 directed to appropriate from funds of the city and to draw a
34 warrant, payable to Ronald Miller, for the total amount of
35 \$100,000 as compensation for injuries and damages sustained as a
36 result of the negligence of the City of Hollywood.

37 Section 3. The amount paid by the City of Hollywood
38 pursuant to s. 768.28, Florida Statutes, and the amount awarded
39 under this act are the sole and final compensation for all
40 present and future claims arising out of the facts described in
41 this act that resulted in injuries to Ronald Miller. All
42 expenses that constituted part of Ronald Miller's judgments
43 described herein shall be paid from the amount awarded under
44 this act on a pro rata basis. The total amount paid from all
45 sources for attorney's fees, lobbying fees, costs, and other
46 similar expenses relating to this claim may not exceed 25
47 percent of the amount awarded under this act.

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