

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	_____	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	_____	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	_____	(Y/N)
OTHER		

---

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Civil Justice & Claims  
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Santiago offered the following:

4

5 **Amendment**

6 Remove lines 9-149 and insert:

7 WHEREAS, on November 22, 1996, Ramiro Companioni, Jr. was  
 8 seriously injured while operating his motorcycle on East  
 9 Hillsborough Avenue in Tampa, Florida, as a result of a

10 collision with a City of Tampa Water Department truck, and

11 WHEREAS, a lawsuit was filed and in 2004 a final judgment  
 12 was entered in favor of Mr. Companioni in the amount of  
 13 \$17,928,800 against the City of Tampa, based on a jury verdict  
 14 in the amount of \$19,932,000, and

15 WHEREAS, after appeals and all legal remedies were  
 16 exhausted, claim bills have been filed annually since the 2014

Amendment No.

17 Legislative session seeking the full amount of the final  
18 judgment, plus interest, for Mr. Companioni, and

19 WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to a compromised  
20 settlement in the amount of \$5,000,000, NOW, THEREFORE,

21  
22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

23  
24 Section 1. The facts stated in the preamble to this act  
25 are found and declared to be true.

26 Section 2. The City of Tampa is authorized and directed to  
27 appropriate from funds not otherwise encumbered and to draw a  
28 warrant in the sum of \$5,000,000, to fund a special needs trust  
29 created for the exclusive use and benefit of Ramiro Companioni,  
30 Jr., as compensation for injuries and damages sustained as  
31 described herein.

32 Section 3. The amount paid by the City of Tampa pursuant  
33 to s. 768.28, Florida Statutes, and the amount awarded under  
34 this act are intended to provide the sole compensation for all  
35 present and future claims arising out of the factual situation  
36 described in this act which resulted in injuries and damages to  
37 Mr. Companioni. Of the amount awarded under this act, the total  
38 amount paid for attorney fees may not exceed \$850,000, the total  
39 amount paid for lobbying fees may not exceed \$400,000, and the  
40 total amount paid for costs and other similar expenses relating  
41 to this claim may not exceed \$7,204.25.

Amendment No.

42           Section 4. It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
43 state and local government lien interests relating to the  
44 treatment and care of Ramiro Companioni, Jr, if any, are hereby  
45 waived or extinguished.