

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2015 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Special Master on Claim Bills

CS/HB 3505 — Relief of the Estate of Lazaro Rodriguez by the City of Hialeah

by Civil Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Steube (SB 44 by Senator Grimsley)

This bill provides \$485,000 for the relief of the Estate of Lazaro Rodriguez and his surviving wife and children. Mr. Rodriguez died in an automobile accident caused by the negligence of a City of Hialeah police officer.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 37-2; House 105-9

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CS/HB 3511 — Relief of Carl Abbott by the Palm Beach County School Board

by Civil Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Raburn (CS/SB 68 by Judiciary Committee and Senator Legg)

The bill provides three annual payments of \$211,111.11, totaling \$633,333.33, in relief to David Abbott, the guardian of Carl Abbott. Carl Abbott sustained injuries and damages as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Palm Beach County School District involving a school bus accident. Carl Abbott passed away in June 2014.

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Vote: Senate 36-2; House 107-9

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CS/HB 3513 — Relief/Estate of Victor Guerrero/Pasco County

by Civil Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Nunez (CS/SB 36 by Judiciary Committee and Senator Diaz de la Portilla)

This bill provides \$1,500,000 to the family and Estate of Victor Guerrero to compensate for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of Pasco County involving a motor vehicle accident.

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Vote: Senate 37-2; House 108-9

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CS/HB 3519 — Relief of Joseph and Audrey Stewart on Behalf of Their Son Aubrey Stewart, by the City of Jacksonville

by Civil Justice Subcommittee and Rep. M. Jones and others (CS/SB 22 by Judiciary Committee and Senators Bradley, Galvano, Bean, and Gibson)

The bill provides \$3.3 million, less the amount paid for the repayment of Medicaid liens, for the care of Aubrey Stewart due to injuries sustained by Aubrey Stewart as a result of the negligence of the City of Jacksonville in the maintenance of trees and failing to remedy a known dangerous condition. The funds are to be paid by the City of Jacksonville into the Aubrey Javaris Stewart Special Needs Trust in installments over three years.

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Vote: Senate 36-1; House 108-9

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CS/HB 3521 — Relief of Ronald Miller by the City of Hollywood

by Civil Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Jenne (CS/SB 66 by Judiciary Committee and Senator Legg)

This bill provides \$100,000 of local funds for the relief of Ronald Miller for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of a municipal employee of the City of Hollywood involving a motor vehicle accident.

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Vote: Senate 38-2; House 107-9

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CS/HB 3523 — Relief of Mark T. Sawicki and Sharon L. Sawicki/City of Tallahassee

by Civil Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Beshears (SB 54 by Senator Montford)

This bill provides \$700,000 for the relief of Mark T. Sawicki and Sharon L. Sawicki, to compensate them for injuries sustained by Mark T. Sawicki as the result of the negligence of an employee of the City of Tallahassee involving a motor vehicle accident.

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Vote: Senate 37-2; House 107-9

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CS/HB 3527 — Relief of Asia Rollins/Public Health Trust Miami-Dade County

by Civil Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Avila (CS/CS/SB 34 by Appropriations Committee; Judiciary Committee and Senator Diaz de la Portilla)

This bill provides \$699,999 to a special needs trust for the benefit of Asia Rollins to compensate Asia Rollins for injuries sustained as a result of the medical negligence of the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County d/b/a Jackson Memorial Hospital.

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Vote: Senate 38-1; House 105-9

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CS/HB 3533 — Relief/Estate of Manuel Antonio Matute/Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

by Civil Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Santiago (SB 52 by Senator Negron)

This bill provides for \$371,850.98 in relief to Eddna Torres De Mayne, as personal representative of the Estate of Manuel A. Matute, as compensation for injuries and damages caused by the negligence of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's office. The claim arose out of a motor vehicle accident that resulted in the wrongful death of Manuel A. Matute.

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Vote: Senate 34-4; House 108-9

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**CS/HB 3543 — Relief of Roy Wright and Ashley Wright by the North
Brevard County Hospital District**

by Civil Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Avila (CS/SB 60 by Judiciary Committee and Senator Simpson)

This claim bill provides \$395,000 for the relief of Roy Wright and Ashley Wright, parents of Tucker Wright, for medical malpractice committed during the birth of their son by the North Brevard County Hospital District, which operates the Parrish Medical Center.

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Vote: Senate 36-2; House 107-9

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CS/HB 3547 — Relief of Javier Soria/Palm Beach County

by Civil Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Raulerson (CS/SB 42 by Judiciary Committee and Senator Braynon)

This bill provides \$101,800 for the relief of Javier Soria to compensate him for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of Palm Beach County involving a motor vehicle accident.

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Vote: Senate 37-2; House 107-10

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CS/HB 3549 — Relief of Monica Cantillo Acosta and Luis Alberto Cantillo Acosta by Miami-Dade County

by Civil Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Santiago (SB 64 by Senator Legg)

This bill provides \$470,000 for the relief of Monica Cantillo Acosta and \$470,000 for the relief of Luis Alberto Cantillo Acosta, surviving children of Nhora Acosta, to compensate them for the wrongful death of Nhora Acosta as a result of the negligence of an employee of Miami-Dade County arising out of a motor vehicle accident.

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Vote: Senate 37-2; House 108-9

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CS/HB 3555 — Relief/Michael and Patricia Rardin/North Broward Hospital District

by Civil Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Artiles (CS/SB 80 by Judiciary Committee and Senator Flores)

This bill provides \$2,000,000 to be paid by the North Broward Hospital District to Michael and Patricia Rardin. The claim for compensation relates to injuries sustained as a result of the medical negligence of North Broward Hospital District in the care and treatment of Michael Rardin.

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Vote: Senate 36-3; House 104-9

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CS/HB 3557 — Relief/Maricelly Lopez/City of North Miami

by Civil Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Harrison (CS/SB 78 by Judiciary Committee and Senator Flores)

This bill provides \$1,500,000 to Maricelly Lopez, individually and as personal representative of the Estate of Omar Mieles, to compensate for injuries and the death of Omar Mieles involving a motor vehicle accident caused by the negligence of an employee of City of North Miami.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 39-1; House 108-9