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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
02/27/2012	.	
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The Committee on Rules (Smith) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete line 77

and insert:

Ronnie Lopez and Roberto Guzman as co-personal

===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 2 - 61

and insert:

An act for the relief of Ronnie Lopez and Roberto Guzman as co-personal representatives of the Estate of Ana-Yency Velasquez, deceased, and for Ronnie Lopez,



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14 Jr., Ashley Lorena Lopez-Velasquez, and Steven Robert  
15 Guzman, minor children of Ana-Yency Velasquez, by  
16 Miami-Dade County; providing for an appropriation to  
17 compensate the estate and the minor children for the  
18 death of Ana-Yency Velasquez as a result of the  
19 negligence of an employee of Miami-Dade County;  
20 providing a limitation on the payment of fees and  
21 costs; providing an effective date.

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23 WHEREAS, Ronnie Lopez, co-personal representative of the  
24 Estate of Ana-Yency Velasquez, deceased, is the father of Ronnie  
25 Lopez, Jr., age 5, and Ashley Lorena Lopez-Velasquez, age 4, and  
26 Ana-Yency Velasquez, deceased, was the mother of Ronnie Lopez,  
27 Jr., and Ashley Lorena Lopez-Velasquez, and

28 WHEREAS, Roberto Guzman, co-personal representative of the  
29 Estate of Ana-Yency Velasquez, deceased, is the father of minor  
30 child, Steven Robert Guzman, age 9, and Ana-Yency Velasquez,  
31 deceased, was the mother of Steven Robert Guzman, and

32 WHEREAS, on February 23, 2009, a Miami-Dade County Police  
33 Officer, when driving his marked police unit through an  
34 intersection, failed to obey a posted stop sign and also did not  
35 engage his lights or sirens, and

36 WHEREAS, protocol for the Miami-Dade County Police  
37 Department requires that lights and sirens be engaged whenever  
38 any police vehicle is in pursuit of another vehicle, and

39 WHEREAS, s. 316.271, Florida Statutes, requires that sirens  
40 be engaged whenever an authorized emergency vehicle is  
41 responding to an emergency or in immediate pursuit of an actual  
42 or suspected violator of the law, and



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43           WHEREAS, the vehicle driven by the Miami-Dade County police  
44 unit was in pursuit of a phantom speeding vehicle at the time of  
45 the collision, and

46           WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County police cruiser crashed into  
47 and broadsided the vehicle operated by Ana-Yency Velasquez, then  
48 23 years of age and the mother of three minor children, at the  
49 intersection of N.W. 112th St. and N.W. 12th Ave., and

50           WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County police cruiser operated by  
51 the officer struck the vehicle driven by Ana-Yency Velasquez  
52 with such force that her automobile crashed into the bedroom of  
53 a nearby residence, throwing debris from the automobile onto the  
54 roof of the residence, and

55           WHEREAS, Ana-Yency Velasquez was killed as a result of the  
56 negligence of an employee of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and

57           WHEREAS, mediation of the claims of this matter was held on  
58 November 17, 2010, and

59           WHEREAS, at mediation, Miami-Dade County acknowledged that  
60 the damages far exceeded the statutory limit of \$200,000  
61 established under s. 768.28, Florida Statutes, and the  
62 representatives of Miami-Dade County agreed and entered into a  
63 Mediation Settlement Agreement, and