

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  
4           compensate him for injuries sustained as a result of  
5           the negligence of an employee of the City of  
6           Hollywood; providing a limitation on the payment of  
7           fees and costs; 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, who was driving a city utilities truck, cut across the  
14          lanes of northbound traffic and crashed head-on into Ronald  
15          Miller's vehicle, and

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

18          WHEREAS, the jury returned a verdict in favor of Ronald  
19          Miller, a final judgment was entered in the amount of  
20          \$1,130,731.89, and a cost judgment was entered in the amount of  
21          \$17,257.82, and

22          WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood has paid \$100,000 to Ronald  
23          Miller under the statutory limits of liability set forth in s.  
24          768.28, Florida Statutes, and

25          WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated in good faith and have  
26          arrived at a stipulated resolution of this matter for the

27 | payment by the City of Hollywood of an additional \$100,000 to  
 28 | Ronald Miller, NOW, THEREFORE,

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30 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

34 |       Section 2. The City of Hollywood is authorized and  
 35 | directed to appropriate from funds of the city not otherwise  
 36 | appropriated and to draw a warrant, payable to Ronald Miller,  
 37 | for the total amount of \$100,000 as compensation for injuries  
 38 | and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of an  
 39 | employee of the City of Hollywood.

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

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