

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act for the relief of Sean Hurley by the Orange
3 County Sheriff's Office; providing for an
4 appropriation to compensate Sean Hurley for injuries
5 sustained as a result of the negligence of the Orange
6 County Sheriff's Office; providing a limitation on the
7 payment of compensation and attorney fees; providing
8 an effective date.
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10 WHEREAS, at approximately 6:00 p.m. on November 15, 2019,
11 Sean Hurley, at that time a 26-year-old resident of Seminole
12 County, Florida, was driving his 2018 Yamaha MT07 motorcycle
13 traveling westbound on Red Bug Lake Road at or near the
14 intersection of Hollow Pine Drive, in Oviedo, Seminole County,
15 Florida, and

16 WHEREAS, Red Bug Lake Road is a street with three lanes in
17 each direction, and

18 WHEREAS, Orange County Deputy Sheriff Nicholas Orrizzi
19 ("Deputy Orrizzi") was leaving his home to work a night shift
20 and driving a marked 2019 Ford Explorer belonging to the Orange
21 County Sheriff's Office when he pulled out onto Red Bug Lake
22 Road into the path of Sean Hurley's motorcycle, striking Sean
23 Hurley in the lower extremity and throwing him into the grassy
24 median, and

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25 WHEREAS, the collision was recorded on Deputy Orrizzi's
26 dashcam showing, for example, that it was necessary for Sean
27 Hurley to speed up just before the impact to try to avoid a
28 collision, and

29 WHEREAS, the investigating Florida Highway Patrol officer
30 who arrived at the scene determined that Deputy Orrizzi violated
31 Sean Hurley's right of way when Deputy Orrizzi pulled out into
32 the path of Sean Hurley's motorcycle, and

33 WHEREAS, as a result of the collision, Sean Hurley was
34 rushed to the hospital by first responders and suffered
35 significant catastrophic compound injuries to his lower
36 extremities which required eight extensive surgeries, and

37 WHEREAS, Sean Hurley sustained hip, leg, and foot injuries
38 including broken legs, dislocated knees, a pelvic fracture, and
39 toe fractures requiring a mechanical knee joint replacement in
40 his right knee, hardware installed for a pelvic fracture, fusing
41 of his shattered ankle, and reconstruction of his left knee due
42 to the loss of two ligaments (ACL and MCL), and

43 WHEREAS, one of Sean Hurley's legs is now shorter than the
44 other, he requires specialized footwear to walk, and his long-
45 term prognosis is intensive medical treatment and monitoring for
46 the rest of his life, and

47 WHEREAS, in June 2023, a jury in Orange County found that
48 Deputy Orrizzi was 100 percent negligent in causing the
49 collision and awarded \$20,839,757 million in damages against the

Orange County Sheriff's Office, which was reduced post-trial pursuant to s. 768.76(1), F.S., due to collateral sources paid toward Sean Hurley's past-medical expenses, for injuries Sean Hurley sustained as a result of Deputy Orrizzi's negligence, including \$8 million for past noneconomic damages and \$10 million for future noneconomic damages for his pain and suffering, and

WHEREAS, the jury found that Sean Hurley incurred \$1,714,757.61 in medical expenses relating to the surgeries and treatments for his lower body injuries, and will incur \$1,125,000 in future medical expenses over the next 47 years of expected life, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

Section 2. The Orange County Sheriff's Office is authorized and directed to appropriate from funds of the county not otherwise appropriated or encumbered and to draw a warrant in the sum of \$20,721,629.23 plus interest payable to Sean Hurley as compensation for injuries and damages sustained due to the negligence of the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

Section 3. The amount paid by the Orange County Sheriff's Office pursuant to s. 768.28, Florida Statutes, and the amount

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75 awarded under this act are intended to provide the sole
76 compensation for all present and future claims arising out of
77 the factual situation described in this act which resulted in
78 injuries and damages to Sean Hurley. The total amount paid for
79 attorney fees relating to this claim may not exceed 25 percent
80 of the total amount awarded under this act.

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