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HOUSE BILL NO. 135

BY REPRESENTATIVE ABRAMSON

APPROPRIATIONS/JUDGMENT: Appropriates funds for judgment against DOTD in the matter of "Angela Cotton, et al v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, et al"

AN ACT

To appropriate funds out of the General Fund of the state of Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 to be used to pay the judgment in the suit entitled "Angela Cotton, Andy Cotton and Blaine Cotton v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Kerry Carter, Government Employee's Insurance Company, and State of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development"; to provide for court costs; to provide for interest; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Three and No/100 ($338,473.00) Dollars in favor of plaintiff Angela Cotton; the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Four and 93/100 ($3,204.93) Dollars, in favor of plaintiff Blaine Cotton; and the sum of Twenty Thousand and No/100 ($20,000.00) Dollars, in favor of plaintiff Andy Cotton; plus court costs, including expert fees, travel expenses, medical records, and costs of appeal, in the amount of Twenty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Two and 61/100 ($23,852.61) Dollars; plus legal interest from April 5, 2007, until paid, is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund of the state of Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 to be used to pay the judgment in the suit entitled "Angela Cotton, Andy Cotton and Blaine Cotton v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Kerry Carter, Government Employee's Insurance Company, and State of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development", bearing Number 151003 "C" on the docket

of the Thirty-Second Judicial District Court, parish of Terrebonne, state of Louisiana, and bearing Number 2010-CA-1609, on the docket of the First Circuit Court of Appeal, state of Louisiana.

Section 2. The judgment provided for in Section 1 hereof shall be deemed to have been paid on the effective date of this Act and legal interest shall cease to run as of that date.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2012; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2012, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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Appropriates from the state general fund for FY 2012-2013 the sum of $361,677.93, plus costs in the amount of $23,852.61, plus interest; to pay the judgment in "Angela Cotton, et al v. DOTD", bearing No. 151003 "C" on the docket of the 32nd JDC, parish of Terrebonne, and No. 2010-CA-1609, on the docket of the 1st Circuit Court of Appeal, state of La.

Effective July 1, 2012.