

Regular Session, 2012

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"

1 AN ACT

2 To appropriate funds out of the General Fund of the state of Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2012-  
3 2013 to be used to pay the judgment in the suit entitled "Angela Cotton, Andy  
4 Cotton and Blaine Cotton v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company,  
5 Kerry Carter, Government Employee's Insurance Company, and State of Louisiana,  
6 through the Department of Transportation and Development"; to provide for court  
7 costs; to provide for interest; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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

6 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2012; if vetoed by the governor  
7 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
8 2012, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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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.