

# CS/HB 115: Progressive Supranuclear Palsy and Other Neurodegenerative Diseases Policy Workgroup

## Page 1 Summary:

Page 1 of the bill provides an overview of the purpose of the act, which is to compensate the Estate of Molly Parker for her death due to the negligence of the Department of Transportation. It describes the circumstances of the accident and the injuries suffered by Ms. Parker. The bill also includes provisions regarding the limitation on compensation and payment of attorney fees.

## Page 2 Summary:

This page of the bill highlights the injuries and death of Ms. Parker due to a car crash. It also mentions the medical costs incurred by her estate, as well as the lost earnings and emotional pain and suffering experienced by her survivors. The cause of the collision was investigated internally by the department.

## Page 3 Summary:

Page 3 of the bill provides background information on a civil action brought against the Department of Transportation in a motor vehicle crash case. It states that a final judgment was entered in favor of the estate of Molly Parker in the amount of \$6.25 million. The bill appropriates \$5.95 million to be paid to the estate.

## Page 4 Summary:

Page 4 of the bill states that funds from the State Transportation Trust Fund will be allocated to the Department of Transportation to provide relief to the Estate of Molly Parker for injuries and damages resulting in her death. The Chief Financial Officer is required to draw a warrant in favor of the Estate of Molly Parker for \$5.95 million from the Department of Transportation funds in the State Treasury. The amount paid by the Division of Risk Management and the amount awarded under this act will serve as the sole compensation for all present and future claims related to Molly Parker's death, with attorney fees not exceeding 25% of the total amount previously paid by the Department of Transportation and the amount awarded under this act. The bill also waives and extinguishes lien interests related to the care and treatment of Molly Parker, excluding any federal liens or those required to be satisfied under Florida Statutes. The act will take effect upon becoming a law.

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The bill allocates a significant amount of public funds, specifically \$5.95 million, to compensate the Estate of Molly Parker for her death, which may be seen as an unfair use of taxpayer money. Additionally, the bill limits compensation to a specific amount and caps attorney fees at 25%, potentially limiting the ability of the estate to fully recover their losses and impeding access to justice.	Supporting this bill would compensate the Estate of Molly Parker for her death, providing financial relief for her medical costs, lost earnings, and emotional suffering, and would ensure that all present and future claims related to her death are resolved, with attorney fees limited to 25% of the total compensation.