

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 58

BY REPRESENTATIVE FISHER

APPROPRIATIONS/JUDGMENT: Appropriates funds for payment of a consent judgment against the state in the suit entitled Direct General Ins. Co., of La. v Tonia Boggs et al. consolidated with William Tyler Walker et al. v. FCCI Ins. Co. et al.

1 AN ACT
2 Relative to the appropriation of monies out of the state general fund to be used to pay the
3 consent judgment captioned "Direct General Insurance Co, of Louisiana versus
4 Tonia Boggs, Paige Boggs and William T. Walker consolidated with William Tyler
5 Walker and Samantha Woods versus FCCI Insurance Company, et al" between the
6 state of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development, and
7 MLA Logging, LLC; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
8 matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. The sum of Ten Thousand and No/100 (\$10,000) Dollars is hereby
11 payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for payment of the
12 consent judgment captioned "Direct General Insurance Co, of Louisiana versus Tonia Boggs,
13 Paige Boggs and William T. Walker consolidated with William Tyler Walker and Samantha
14 Woods versus FCCI Insurance Company, et al", signed on June 12, 2023, between the state
15 of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development, and MLA
16 Logging, LLC, bearing Numbers 2015-178 and 2015-271, on the docket of the Fourth
17 Judicial District, parish of Morehouse, state of Louisiana.

18 Section 2. The judgment may only be paid from this appropriation if it is final and
19 shall be paid as to principal, interest, court costs, and expert witness fees as awarded in the
20 judgment. If the provisions of the judgment conflict with the provisions of this Act, the

1 provisions of the judgment shall be controlling. Any other provision of this Act not in
2 conflict with the provisions of the judgment shall control. Payment shall be made only after
3 presentation to the state treasurer of documentation required by the state treasurer. Further,
4 the judgment shall be deemed to have been paid on the effective date of this Act, and interest
5 shall cease to run as of that date.

6 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
7 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
8 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
9 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
10 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Appropriates \$10,000 out of the State General Fund (Direct) for FY 2024-2025 for payment of the consent judgment against the state in the suit entitled Direct General Ins. Co., of La. v. Boggs et al. consolidated with Walker et al. v. FCCI Ins. Co. et al., bearing Nos. 2015-178 and 2015-271, on the docket of the 4th Judicial District, parish of Morehouse.

Proposed law provides relative to payment. Provides relative to conflicts between the judgment and proposed law. Prohibits accrual of interest on the judgment as of the effective date of proposed law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.