

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 427

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

APPROPRIATIONS/JUDGMENT: Appropriates funds for payment of the consent judgment against the state in the suit entitled Gloria Benoit v. Anita St. Augustina Charles D/B/A The Rock Thrift Store, et al.

1 AN ACT

2 To appropriate monies out of the state general fund for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to be used to  
3 pay the consent judgment captioned "Gloria Benoit versus Anita St. Augustina  
4 Charles D/B/A The Rock Thrift Store, et al" between the state of Louisiana, through  
5 the Department of Transportation and Development, and Alvin Benoit and Ryan  
6 Benoit; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. The sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) Dollars is hereby payable  
9 out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for payment of the consent  
10 judgment captioned "Gloria Benoit versus Anita St. Augustina Charles D/B/A The Rock  
11 Thrift Store, et al", signed on May 11, 2023, between the state of Louisiana, through the  
12 Department of Transportation and Development, and Alvin Benoit and Ryan Benoit, bearing  
13 Number 88946-H, on the docket of the Sixteenth Judicial District, parish of St. Martin, state  
14 of Louisiana.

15 Section 2. The judgment may only be paid from this appropriation if it is final and  
16 shall be paid as to principal, interest, court costs, and expert witness fees as awarded in the  
17 judgment. If the provisions of the judgment conflict with the provisions of this Act, the  
18 provisions of the judgment shall be controlling. Any other provision of this Act not in  
19 conflict with the provisions of the judgment shall control. Payment shall be made only after  
20 presentation to the state treasurer of documentation required by the state treasurer. Further,

1 the judgment shall be deemed to have been paid on the effective date of this Act, and interest  
2 shall cease to run as of that date.

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

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DIGEST

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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 the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.