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**SB-535 Claims against the state: appropriation.** (2017-2018)

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**Senate Bill No. 535**

**CHAPTER 11**

An act relating to the payment of claims against the state, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

[ Approved by Governor May 26, 2017. Filed with Secretary of State May 26, 2017. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 535, Lara. Claims against the state: appropriation.

Existing law requires the Attorney General, when there is not a sufficient appropriation for the payment of certain claims, settlements, or judgments, to report the claims, settlements, and judgments to the chairperson of either the Senate Committee on Appropriations or the Assembly Committee on Appropriations, who is then required to cause introduction of legislation appropriating necessary funds for payment.

This bill would appropriate \$32,022,611.07 from the General Fund to the Attorney General to pay specific judgments.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: 2/3 Appropriation: yes Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** (a) The sum of thirty-two million twenty-two thousand six hundred eleven dollars and seven cents (\$32,022,611.07) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Attorney General to be allocated in accordance with the following schedule:

(1) The sum of five hundred twenty-two thousand six hundred eleven dollars and seven cents (\$522,611.07) to pay the settlement in John Doe, et al. v. Kamala D. Harris, et al. (9th Cir. Nov. 18, 2014, No 5. 13-15263, 13-15267) and John Doe et al. v. Kamala D. Harris, et al. ((N.D. Cal. Jan. 11, 2013) 2013 WL 144048).

(2) The sum of thirty-one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$31,500,000) to pay the judgment in Mercury Insurance Company, et al. v. Dave Jones, in His Official Capacity as the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California (Super. Ct. Orange County, Feb. 9, 2015 No. 30-2015-00770552).

(b) Any funds appropriated in excess of the amounts actually required for the payment of this judgment shall revert to the General Fund on June 30 of the fiscal year in which the final payment is made.

**SEC. 2.** This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to pay judgment and settlement claims against the state and end hardship to claimants as quickly as possible, it is necessary for this act to take effect immediately.