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**SB-383 Claims against the state: appropriation.** (2023-2024)

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**Senate Bill No. 383**

**CHAPTER 10**

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

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 383, Portantino. Claims against the state: appropriation.

Under existing law, if sufficient appropriations are not available for the payment of certain claims, settlements, or judgments, the Attorney General is required 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 the funds necessary for payment.

This bill would appropriate \$6,773,000 from the General Fund to the Attorney General for the payment of claims, settlements, or judgments against the state arising from 2 specified actions.

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 six million seven hundred seventy-three thousand dollars (\$6,773,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Attorney General to be allocated in accordance with the following schedule:

(1) The sum of three million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$3,700,000) for the payment of claims, settlements, or judgments against the state arising from Wetlands Preservation Foundation v. Department of Water Resources, et. al (San Joaquin County Superior Court, July 9, 2020, No. STK-CV-UWM-2018-8957).

(2) The sum of three million seventy-three thousand dollars (\$3,073,000) for the payment of claims, settlements, or judgments against the state arising from California DUI Lawyers Association, et. al v. Department of Motor Vehicles, et. al (Los Angeles County Superior Court, April 15, 2022, No. BC553552).

(b) Any funds appropriated in excess of the amounts actually required for the payment of this judgment shall revert to the General Fund within 45 days after 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 California 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.