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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to volunteers; amending s.
112.3135, F.S.; providing an exemption from the
nepotism law for persons providing volunteer
emergency medical, firefighting, and police
services; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
112.3135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
112.3135 Restriction on employment of relatives.--
(2)(a) A public official may not appoint, employ,
promote, or advance, or advocate for appointment, employment,
promotion, or advancement, in or to a position in the agency
in which the official is serving or over which the official
exercises jurisdiction or control any individual who is a
relative of the public official. An individual may not be
appointed, employed, promoted, or advanced in or to a position
in an agency if such appointment, employment, promotion, or
advancement has been advocated by a public official, serving
in or exercising jurisdiction or control over the agency, who
is a relative of the individual or if such appointment,
employment, promotion, or advancement is made by a collegial
body of which a relative of the individual is a member.
However, this subsection shall not apply to appointments to
boards other than those with land-planning or zoning
responsibilities in those municipalities with less than 35,000
population. This subsection does not apply to persons serving
in a volunteer capacity who provide emergency medical,
firefighting, or police services. Such persons may receive,

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1 without losing their volunteer status, reimbursements for the
2 costs of any training they get relating to the provision of
3 volunteer emergency medical, firefighting, or police services
4 and payment for any incidental expenses relating to those
5 services that they provide.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
7 law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

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Provides an exemption from the nepotism law for persons
12 providing volunteer emergency medical, firefighting, and
13 police services.

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