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2 An act relating to volunteers; amending s.
3 112.3135, F.S.; providing an exemption from the
4 nepotism law for persons providing volunteer
5 emergency medical, firefighting, and police
6 services; providing an effective date.
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
11 112.3135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 112.3135 Restriction on employment of relatives.--

13 (2)(a) A public official may not appoint, employ,
14 promote, or advance, or advocate for appointment, employment,
15 promotion, or advancement, in or to a position in the agency
16 in which the official is serving or over which the official
17 exercises jurisdiction or control any individual who is a
18 relative of the public official. An individual may not be
19 appointed, employed, promoted, or advanced in or to a position
20 in an agency if such appointment, employment, promotion, or
21 advancement has been advocated by a public official, serving
22 in or exercising jurisdiction or control over the agency, who
23 is a relative of the individual or if such appointment,
24 employment, promotion, or advancement is made by a collegial
25 body of which a relative of the individual is a member.
26 However, this subsection shall not apply to appointments to
27 boards other than those with land-planning or zoning
28 responsibilities in those municipalities with less than 35,000
29 population. This subsection does not apply to persons serving
30 in a volunteer capacity who provide emergency medical,
31 firefighting, or police services. Such persons may receive,

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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