

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to first-responder services; creating ss.
 3 125.01045 and 166.0446, F.S.; prohibiting counties and
 4 municipalities from imposing a fee or seeking
 5 reimbursement for costs relating to certain first-
 6 responder services; providing exceptions; defining the
 7 term "first responder"; providing an effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Section 125.01045, Florida Statutes, is created
 12 to read:

13 125.01045 Prohibition of fees for first-responder
 14 services.--

15 (1) A county may not impose a fee or seek reimbursement
 16 for any costs or expenses that may be incurred for services
 17 provided by a first responder, including costs or expenses
 18 related to personnel, supplies, motor vehicles, or equipment in
 19 response to a motor vehicle accident, except for costs of
 20 materials to contain or clean up hazardous waste in quantities
 21 reportable to the Florida State Warning Point at the Division of
 22 Emergency Management and costs for transportation and treatment
 23 provided by ambulance services licensed pursuant to s.
 24 401.23(5).

25 (2) As used in this section, the term "first responder"
 26 means a law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10, a
 27 firefighter as defined in s. 633.30, or an emergency medical
 28 technician or paramedic as defined in s. 401.23 who is employed

29 by the state or a local government. A volunteer law enforcement
 30 officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician or
 31 paramedic engaged by the state or a local government is also
 32 considered a first responder of the state or local government
 33 for purposes of this section.

34 Section 2. Section 166.0446, Florida Statutes, is created
 35 to read:

36 166.0446 Prohibition of fees for first-responder
 37 services.--

38 (1) A municipality may not impose a fee or seek
 39 reimbursement for any costs or expenses that may be incurred for
 40 services provided by a first responder, including costs or
 41 expenses related to personnel, supplies, motor vehicles, or
 42 equipment in response to a motor vehicle accident, except for
 43 costs of materials to contain or clean up hazardous waste in
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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.