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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to first-responder services; creating  
3           ss. 125.01045 and 166.0446, F.S.; prohibiting counties  
4           and 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 for  
16   any costs or expenses that may be incurred for services provided  
17   by a first responder, including costs or expenses related to  
18   personnel, supplies, motor vehicles, or equipment in response to  
19   a motor vehicle accident, except for costs to contain or clean  
20   up hazardous materials in quantities reportable to the Florida  
21   State Warning Point at the Division of Emergency Management, and  
22   costs for transportation and treatment provided by ambulance  
23   services licensed pursuant to ss. 401.23(4) and 401.23(5).

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

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30 paramedic engaged by the state or a local government is also  
31 considered a first responder of the state or local government  
32 for purposes of this section.

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

35 166.0446 Prohibition of fees for first-responder services.-

36 (1) A municipality may not impose a fee or seek  
37 reimbursement for any costs or expenses that may be incurred for  
38 services provided by a first responder, including costs or  
39 expenses related to personnel, supplies, motor vehicles, or  
40 equipment in response to a motor vehicle accident, except for  
41 costs to contain or clean up hazardous materials in quantities  
42 reportable to the Florida State Warning Point at the Division of  
43 Emergency Management, and costs for transportation and treatment  
44 provided by ambulance services licensed pursuant to ss.  
45 401.23(4) and 401.23(5).

46 (2) As used in this section, the term "first responder"  
47 means a law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10, a  
48 firefighter as defined in s. 633.30, or an emergency medical  
49 technician or paramedic as defined in s. 401.23 who is employed  
50 by the state or a local government. A volunteer law enforcement  
51 officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician or  
52 paramedic engaged by the state or a local government is also  
53 considered a first responder of the state or local government  
54 for purposes of this section.

55 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.