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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.