

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to firefighter death benefits; amending s.
 3 112.191, F.S.; revises provisions providing death benefits
 4 for firefighters; expanding activities entitling
 5 firefighters to death benefits to include participation in
 6 training exercises; 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. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (2) of
 11 section 112.191, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

12 112.191 Firefighters; death benefits.--

13 (2)

14 (b) The sum of \$50,000, as adjusted pursuant to paragraph
 15 (i), shall be paid as provided in this section if a firefighter
 16 is accidentally killed as specified in paragraph (a) and the
 17 accidental death occurs as a result of the firefighter's
 18 response to what is reasonably believed to be an emergency
 19 involving the protection of life or property or the
 20 firefighter's participation in a training exercise. This sum
 21 shall be in addition to any sum provided for in paragraph (a).
 22 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in no case shall the
 23 amount payable under this subsection be less than the actual
 24 amount stated therein.

25 (c) If a firefighter, while engaged in the performance of
 26 his or her firefighter duties, is unlawfully and intentionally
 27 killed, is injured and dies as a result of such injury, dies as
 28 a result of a fire which has been determined to have been caused

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29 | by an act of arson, or subsequently dies as a result of injuries
30 | sustained therefrom, the sum of \$150,000, as adjusted pursuant
31 | to paragraph (i), shall be paid as provided in this section.
32 | Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in no case shall the
33 | amount payable under this subsection be less than the actual
34 | amount stated therein.

35 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.