

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;
and Senators Baker, Storms, Ring, Altman, Hill, and Dean

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to firefighter death benefits;
3 amending s. 112.191, F.S.; revising provisions
4 providing death benefits for firefighters; expanding
5 activities entitling firefighters to death benefits to
6 include participation in training exercises and injury
7 by an unlawful and intentional act which results in
8 death; providing for application; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (2) of
14 section 112.191, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

15 112.191 Firefighters; death benefits.-

16 (2)

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

28 (c) If a firefighter, while engaged in the performance of
29 his or her firefighter duties, is unlawfully and intentionally

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30 killed, is injured by an unlawful and intentional act of another
31 person and dies as a result of such injury, dies as a result of
32 a fire which has been determined to have been caused by an act
33 of arson, or subsequently dies as a result of injuries sustained
34 therefrom, the sum of \$150,000, as adjusted pursuant to
35 paragraph (i), shall be paid as provided in this section.
36 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in no case shall the
37 amount payable under this subsection be less than the actual
38 amount stated therein.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law,
40 and applies to firefighter deaths occurring on or after November
41 1, 2007.