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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to correctional probation officers;  
3 amending s. 112.181, F.S.; revising the definition of  
4 the term "emergency rescue or public safety worker" to  
5 include correctional probation officers in provisions  
6 relating to certain communicable diseases suffered in  
7 the line of duty; amending s. 112.19, F.S.; revising  
8 provisions relating to death benefits to include  
9 correctional probation officers; providing an  
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
15 112.181, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 112.181 Firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical  
17 technicians, law enforcement officers, correctional probation  
18 officer, correctional officers; special provisions relative to  
19 certain communicable diseases.—

20 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

21 (b) "Emergency rescue or public safety worker" means any  
22 person employed full time by the state or any political  
23 subdivision of the state as a firefighter, paramedic, emergency  
24 medical technician, law enforcement officer, correctional  
25 probation officer, or correctional officer who, in the course of  
26 employment, runs a high risk of occupational exposure to  
27 hepatitis, meningococcal meningitis, or tuberculosis and who is  
28 not employed elsewhere in a similar capacity. However, the term  
29 "emergency rescue or public safety worker" does not include any

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30 person employed by a public hospital licensed under chapter 395  
31 or any person employed by a subsidiary thereof.

32 Section 2. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section  
33 112.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

34 112.19 Law enforcement, correctional, and correctional  
35 probation officers; death benefits.—

36 (2)

37 (g) Any political subdivision of the state that employs a  
38 full-time law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10(1), ~~or~~  
39 a full-time correctional officer as defined in s. 943.10(2), or  
40 a full-time correctional probation officer as defined in s.

41 943.10(3) who is killed in the line of duty on or after July 1,  
42 1993, as a result of an act of violence inflicted by another  
43 person while the officer is engaged in the performance of law  
44 enforcement duties or as a result of an assault against the  
45 officer under riot conditions shall pay the entire premium of  
46 the political subdivision's health insurance plan for the  
47 employee's surviving spouse until remarried, and for each  
48 dependent child of the employee until the child reaches the age  
49 of majority or until the end of the calendar year in which the  
50 child reaches the age of 25 if:

51 1. At the time of the employee's death, the child is  
52 dependent upon the employee for support; and

53 2. The surviving child continues to be dependent for  
54 support, or the surviving child is a full-time or part-time  
55 student and is dependent for support.

56 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.