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

13 112.191 Firefighters; death benefits.—

14 (2)

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

26 (c) If a firefighter, while engaged in the performance of
27 his or her firefighter duties, is unlawfully and intentionally
28 killed, is injured by an unlawful and intentional act of another

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

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law
38 and shall apply to deaths of firefighters occurring on or after
39 November 1, 2007.