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A bill to be entitled

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

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

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

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

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

"Emergency rescue or public safety worker" means any

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(b)

person employed full time by the state or any political subdivision of the state as a firefighter, paramedic, emergency medical technician, law enforcement officer, <a href="correctional">correctional</a>

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<u>probation officer</u>, or correctional officer who, in the course of employment, runs a high risk of occupational exposure to

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hepatitis, meningococcal meningitis, or tuberculosis and who is

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not employed elsewhere in a similar capacity. However, the term  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left($ 

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"emergency rescue or public safety worker" does not include any

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

- Section 2. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section 112.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 112.19 Law enforcement, correctional, and correctional probation officers; death benefits.—

(2)

- (g) Any political subdivision of the state that employs a full-time law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10(1), or a full-time correctional officer as defined in s. 943.10(2), or a full-time correctional probation officer as defined in s. 943.10(2), or a full-time correctional probation officer as defined in s. 943.10(3) who is killed in the line of duty on or after July 1, 1993, as a result of an act of violence inflicted by another person while the officer is engaged in the performance of law enforcement duties or as a result of an assault against the officer under riot conditions shall pay the entire premium of the political subdivision's health insurance plan for the employee's surviving spouse until remarried, and for each dependent child of the employee until the child reaches the age of majority or until the end of the calendar year in which the child reaches the age of 25 if:
- 1. At the time of the employee's death, the child is dependent upon the employee for support; and
- 2. The surviving child continues to be dependent for support, or the surviving child is a full-time or part-time student and is dependent for support.
  - Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.