

By Senator Sobel

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to crime victim compensation; amending  
3           s. 960.03, F.S.; providing that the term "members of a  
4           family" for purposes of crime victim compensation  
5           includes domestic partners meeting specified criteria;  
6           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. Present subsections (11) through (14) of section  
11           960.03, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (12)  
12           through (15), respectively, and a new subsection (11) is added  
13           to that section, to read:

14           960.03 Definitions; ss. 960.01-960.28.—As used in ss.  
15           960.01-960.28, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:

16           (11) "Members of a family" includes a domestic partner,  
17           which is a person at least 18 years of age who:

18           (a) Is dependent upon the other partner for support as  
19           shown by either unilateral dependence or mutual interdependence,  
20           as evidenced by a nexus of factors, including, but not limited  
21           to, common ownership of real or personal property, common  
22           householding, children in common, signs of intent to marry,  
23           shared budgeting, and the length of the personal relationship  
24           with the partner or, if the partner is deceased, was so  
25           dependent upon the partner immediately prior to the person's  
26           death; or

27           (b) Has registered as the domestic partner with any  
28           registry of domestic partnerships maintained by the employer of  
29           either party, a state, a county, or any other governmental

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30 entity.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.