

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. 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 that can include, but are not  
 21           limited to, common ownership of real or personal property,  
 22           common householding, children in common, signs of intent to  
 23           marry, and shared budgeting, or if the partner is deceased, was  
 24           so dependent on or interdependent with the partner immediately  
 25           prior to the person's death; or

26           (b) Has registered as the domestic partner with any  
 27           registry of domestic partnerships maintained by the employer of

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28 | either party, a state, a county, or any other governmental  
29 | entity.

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