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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to first-responder services; creating
3 ss. 125.01045 and 166.0446, F.S.; prohibiting counties
4 and municipalities from imposing a fee or seeking
5 reimbursement for costs relating to certain first-
6 responder services; providing exceptions; defining the
7 term "first responder"; 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. Section 125.01045, Florida Statutes, is created
12 to read:

13 125.01045 Prohibition of fees for first-responder
14 services.-

15 (1) A county may not impose a fee or seek reimbursement for
16 any costs or expenses that may be incurred for services provided
17 by a first responder, including costs or expenses related to
18 personnel, supplies, motor vehicles, or equipment in response to
19 a motor vehicle accident, except for costs of materials to
20 contain or clean up hazardous waste in quantities reportable to
21 the Florida State Warning Point at the Division of Emergency
22 Management, and costs for transportation and treatment provided
23 by ambulance services licensed pursuant to ss. 401.23(4) and
24 401.23(5).

25 (2) As used in this section, the term "first responder"
26 means a law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10, a
27 firefighter as defined in s. 633.30, or an emergency medical
28 technician or paramedic as defined in s. 401.23 who is employed
29 by the state or a local government. A volunteer law enforcement

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30 officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician or
31 paramedic engaged by the state or a local government is also
32 considered a first responder of the state or local government
33 for purposes of this section.

34 Section 2. Section 166.0446, Florida Statutes, is created
35 to read:

36 166.0446 Prohibition of fees for first-responder services.-

37 (1) A municipality may not impose a fee or seek
38 reimbursement for any costs or expenses that may be incurred for
39 services provided by a first responder, including costs or
40 expenses related to personnel, supplies, motor vehicles, or
41 equipment in response to a motor vehicle accident, except for
42 costs of materials to contain or clean up hazardous waste in
43 quantities reportable to the Florida State Warning Point at the
44 Division of Emergency Management, and costs for transportation
45 and treatment provided by ambulance services licensed pursuant
46 to ss. 401.23(4) and 401.23(5).

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48 means a law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10, a
49 firefighter as defined in s. 633.30, or an emergency medical
50 technician or paramedic as defined in s. 401.23 who is employed
51 by the state or a local government. A volunteer law enforcement
52 officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician or
53 paramedic engaged by the state or a local government is also
54 considered a first responder of the state or local government
55 for purposes of this section.

56 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.