

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 2282

An act relating to first-responder services; creating ss. 125.01045 and 166.0446, F.S.; prohibiting counties and municipalities from imposing a fee or seeking reimbursement for costs relating to certain first-responder services; providing exceptions; defining the term “first responder”; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 125.01045, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

125.01045 Prohibition of fees for first-responder services.—

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

(2) As used in this section, the term “first responder” means a law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10, a firefighter as defined in s. 633.30, or an emergency medical technician or paramedic as defined in s. 401.23 who is employed by the state or a local government. A volunteer law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician or paramedic engaged by the state or a local government is also considered a first responder of the state or local government for purposes of this section.

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

166.0446 Prohibition of fees for first-responder services.—

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

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

Approved by the Governor June 16, 2009.

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