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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Pafford offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 32 and 33, insert:

5 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 112.1815, Florida
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 112.1815 Firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical
8 technicians, and law enforcement officers; special provisions
9 for employment-related accidents and injuries.—

10 (1) The term "first responder" as used in this section
11 means a law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10, a
12 firefighter as defined in s. 633.102, or an emergency medical
13 technician or paramedic as defined in s. 401.23 employed by
14 state or local government. A volunteer law enforcement officer,

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15 firefighter, or emergency medical technician or paramedic
16 engaged by the state or a local government is also considered a
17 first responder of the state or local government for purposes of
18 this section. The term also includes a school safety designee
19 under s. 790.115, whether a school district employee or a
20 volunteer.

21 Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 196.081, Florida
22 Statutes, is amended to read:

23 196.081 Exemption for certain permanently and totally
24 disabled veterans and for surviving spouses of veterans;
25 exemption for surviving spouses of first responders who die in
26 the line of duty.-

27 (6) Any real estate that is owned and used as a homestead
28 by the surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the
29 line of duty while employed by the state or any political
30 subdivision of the state, including authorities and special
31 districts, and for whom a letter from the state or appropriate
32 political subdivision of the state, or other authority or
33 special district, has been issued which legally recognizes and
34 certifies that the first responder died in the line of duty
35 while employed as a first responder is exempt from taxation if
36 the first responder and his or her surviving spouse were
37 permanent residents of this state on January 1 of the year in
38 which the first responder died.

39 (a) The production of the letter by the surviving spouse
40 which attests to the first responder's death in the line of duty

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41 is prima facie evidence that the surviving spouse is entitled to
42 the exemption.

43 (b) The tax exemption applies as long as the surviving
44 spouse holds the legal or beneficial title to the homestead,
45 permanently resides thereon as specified in s. 196.031, and does
46 not remarry. If the surviving spouse sells the property, an
47 exemption not to exceed the amount granted under the most recent
48 ad valorem tax roll may be transferred to his or her new
49 residence if it is used as his or her primary residence and he
50 or she does not remarry.

51 (c) As used in this subsection only, and not applicable to
52 the payment of benefits under s. 112.19 or s. 112.191, the term:

53 1. "First responder" means a law enforcement officer or
54 correctional officer as defined in s. 943.10, a firefighter as
55 defined in s. 633.102, or an emergency medical technician or
56 paramedic as defined in s. 401.23 who is a full-time paid
57 employee, part-time paid employee, or unpaid volunteer. The term
58 also includes a school safety designee under s. 790.115, whether
59 a school district employee or a volunteer.

60 2. "In the line of duty" means:

- 61 a. While engaging in law enforcement;
62 b. While performing an activity relating to fire
63 suppression and prevention;
64 c. While responding to a hazardous material emergency;
65 d. While performing rescue activity;
66 e. While providing emergency medical services;

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- 67 f. While performing disaster relief activity;
68 g. While otherwise engaging in emergency response
69 activity; ~~or~~
70 h. While engaging in school safety duties pursuant to s.
71 790.115(3); or
72 i.h. While engaging in a training exercise related to any
73 of the events or activities enumerated in this subparagraph if
74 the training has been authorized by the employing entity.
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76 A heart attack or stroke that causes death or causes an injury
77 resulting in death must occur within 24 hours after an event or
78 activity enumerated in this subparagraph and must be directly
79 and proximately caused by the event or activity in order to be
80 considered as having occurred in the line of duty.
81 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
82 252.515, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
83 252.515 Postdisaster Relief Assistance Act; immunity from
84 civil liability.—
85 (3) As used in this section, the term:
86 (a) "Emergency first responder" means:
87 1. A physician licensed under chapter 458.
88 2. An osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459.
89 3. A chiropractic physician licensed under chapter 460.
90 4. A podiatric physician licensed under chapter 461.
91 5. A dentist licensed under chapter 466.

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92 6. An advanced registered nurse practitioner certified
93 under s. 464.012.

94 7. A physician assistant licensed under s. 458.347 or s.
95 459.022.

96 8. A worker employed by a public or private hospital in
97 the state.

98 9. A paramedic as defined in s. 401.23(17).

99 10. An emergency medical technician as defined in s.
100 401.23(11).

101 11. A firefighter as defined in s. 633.102.

102 12. A law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10.

103 13. A member of the Florida National Guard.

104 14. A school safety designee under s. 790.115, whether a
105 school district employee or a volunteer.

106 ~~15.14.~~ Any other personnel designated as emergency
107 personnel by the Governor pursuant to a declared emergency.

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111 Remove line 2 and insert:

112 An act relating to school safety; amending ss.

113 112.1815, 196.081, and 252.515, F.S.; revising the

114 terms "first responder" and "emergency first

115 responder" to include school safety designees for

116 purposes of provisions relating to special provisions

117 for employment-related accidents and injuries,

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118 property tax exemptions for surviving spouses of first
119 responders who die in the line of duty, and immunity
120 from civil liability during the provision of
121 postdisaster relief assistance, respectively;
122 providing

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