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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to firefighters, paramedics,
3 and emergency medical technicians; granting s.
4 112.181, F.S.; providing that a disability
5 caused by certain diseases shall be deemed to
6 have been suffered in the line of duty in
7 certain circumstances; authorizing certain
8 insurance contracts to include coverage for
9 such disabilities; requiring records to be kept
10 of an employee's exposure to such disease;
11 requiring an employee to be notified of such
12 exposure; requiring an employee to notify the
13 employing agency of any known or possible
14 exposure to such diseases; requiring
15 preemployment physicals for employees;
16 providing an effective date.

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18 WHEREAS, firefighters, paramedics, and emergency
19 medical technicians are trained to risk their lives or bodily
20 injury in order to protect the lives and property of others,
21 and

22 WHEREAS, firefighters, paramedics, and emergency
23 medical technicians may be exposed by reason of their
24 employment to persons who suffer communicable diseases at the
25 time they are being rescued or treated, thereby endangering
26 the firefighters, paramedics, and emergency medical
27 technicians to the risk of contracting such diseases, and

28 WHEREAS, it is only fair and proper that firefighters,
29 paramedics, and emergency medical technicians be compensated
30 for disability or medical treatment due to exposure to certain
31 communicable diseases, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

2 Section 1. Section 112.181, Florida Statutes, is

3 created to read:

4 112.181 Firefighters, paramedics, and emergency

5 medical technicians special provisions relative to certain

6 communicable diseases.--

7 (1) Any condition or impairment of health suffered by

8 a firefighter, paramedic, or emergency medical technician who

9 is employed full-time by the state or any political

10 subdivision of the state, which condition or impairment is

11 caused by acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, hepatitis A,

12 hepatitis B, hepatitis non-A, non-B, meningococcal meningitis,

13 or pulmonary tuberculosis and requires medical treatment or

14 results in total or partial disability, shall be deemed a

15 disability suffered in the line of duty, provided that it is

16 established by competent evidence that such disease is an

17 occupational disease resulting from the employment as defined

18 in s. 949.151, and further provided that, prior to such

19 medical treatment of disability, the employee has successfully

20 passed a physical examination which failed to reveal any

21 evidence of such disease.

22 (2) This section does not apply to benefits payable

23 under or granted in a nonoccupational policy of life insurance

24 or disability insurance, unless the insurer and insured have

25 negotiated for such additional benefits to be included in the

26 policy contract. However, the state or any political

27 subdivision of the state may negotiate a policy contract for

28 life and disability insurance which includes accidental death

29 benefits or double indemnity coverage for any condition or

30 impairment of health suffered by a firefighter, paramedic, or

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1 emergency medical technician, which condition or impairment is
2 caused by a disease as described in subsection (1) and results
3 in total or partial disability or death.
4 (3) When known, the employing agency shall maintain a
5 record of any exposure to the diseases described in subsection
6 (1) by a firefighter, paramedic, or emergency medical
7 technician and shall immediately notify the employee of such
8 exposure. The employee shall notify the employing agency of
9 any known or possible exposure to such diseases.
10 (4) Upon entering into employment as a firefighter,
11 paramedic, or emergency medical technician, the employee shall
12 have undergone a physical examination which failed to reveal
13 any evidence of disease as described in subsection (1).
14 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
15 law.
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18 HOUSE SUMMARY
19 Provides that a full-time firefighter, paramedic or
20 emergency medical technician employed by the state or a
21 political subdivision of the state who suffers a
22 disability caused by certain diseases, will be deemed,
23 under certain circumstances, to have a disability
24 suffered in the line of duty. Authorizes certain
25 insurance contracts which include benefits for a
26 condition or impairment caused by such diseases.
27 Requires the employing agency to maintain a record of
28 exposure to such diseases. Requires an employee to be
29 notified of such exposure. Requires an employee to
30 notify the employing agency of known or possible exposure
31 to such diseases. Requires an employee to have undergone
a physical examination upon employment as a firefighter,
paramedic, or emergency medical technician.

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