

1-1 By: Davis, Gallegos S.B. No. 985
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1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland
1-4 Security; April 8, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote:
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the lodging expenses of certain state emergency
1-9 services personnel.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 660, Government Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 660.209 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 660.209. STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL. (a) In
1-14 this section, "emergency services personnel" includes
1-15 firefighters, police officers and other peace officers, emergency
1-16 medical technicians, emergency management personnel, and other
1-17 individuals who are required, in the course and scope of their
1-18 employment, to provide services for the benefit of the general
1-19 public during emergency situations.

1-20 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or
1-21 the General Appropriations Act, a state employee who is emergency
1-22 services personnel and who is deployed to a temporary duty station
1-23 to conduct emergency or disaster response activities is entitled to
1-24 reimbursement for the actual expense of lodging when there is no
1-25 room available at the state rate within reasonable proximity to the
1-26 employee's temporary duty station.

1-27 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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