

1 AN ACT relating to first responders.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 61 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *For the purposes of this section:*

6 *(1) "First responder" means an employee or volunteer of a state or local agency or*  
7 *university who provides emergency response services, including:*

8 *(a) CJIS and non-CJIS telecommunicators as defined in KRS 15.530;*

9 *(b) Division of Emergency Management personnel;*

10 *(c) Emergency medical service personnel as defined in KRS 61.315;*

11 *(d) Firefighters as defined in KRS 61.315;*

12 *(e) Law enforcement officers and peace officers as defined in KRS 15.310;*

13 *(f) Local disaster and emergency services organization personnel as defined in*  
14 *KRS 39A.020; and*

15 *(g) Public safety answering point personnel as defined in KRS 65.750.*

16 *(2) A first responder shall not automatically qualify for benefits that are specific to a*  
17 *first responder discipline as prescribed in the Kentucky Revised Statutes or*  
18 *administrative regulations prior to the effective date of this Act.*