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HB 308 Engrossed

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Abstract: Allows the continued employment of a cadet or graduate of the state police training academy in the classified state police service where a member of the public employee's immediate family becomes the agency head of such public employee's agency, provided that he has been employed in the classified state police service for a period of at least four months.

<u>Present law</u> (ethics code) generally prohibits an immediate family member of an agency head from being employed in his agency but <u>present law</u> has a general exception to allow the continued employment of an immediate family member of an agency head provided that such public employee has been employed in the agency for a period of at least one year prior to the public employee's immediate family member becoming the agency head. <u>Present law</u> contains additional, more specific exceptions.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and provides an additional exception to allow the continued employment of a cadet or graduate of the state police training academy in the classified state police service and specifies that <u>present law</u> shall not be construed to hinder, alter, or in any way affect normal promotional advancements for such public employee in the classified state police service where a public employee's immediate family member becomes the agency head, provided that such public employee has been employed in the classified state police service for a period of at least four months prior to his immediate family member becoming the agency head.

Provides that the provisions of the Act are to be applied retroactively as well as prospectively.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 42:1119(H))