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Abstract: Adds electrical lineman to the definition of "first responder" and provides a definition for "electrical lineman".

Present law with regard to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, provides a definition of "first responder" as meaning a volunteer engaged in activities involving the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness pursuant to R.S. 29:721 et seq. and first responders as defined in R.S. 40:1231 including but not limited to medical personnel, emergency and medical technicians, volunteer firemen, auxiliary law enforcement officers, and members of the Civil Air Patrol.

Present law also provides that "first responder" means the first arriving organized responders with the capability and mission to contain, mitigate, and resolve the emergency at hand.

Present law, with regard to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, also provides that "first responder" refers to those individuals who in the early stages of an incident are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence, and the environment, including emergency response providers as defined in Section 2 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101), as well as emergency management, public health, clinical care, public works, and other skilled support personnel, such as equipment operators that provide immediate support services during prevention, response, and recovery operations consistent with Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8.

Proposed law retains present law and adds "electrical lineman" to the definition of "first responder".

Proposed law defines "electrical lineman" as a person employed to install, maintain, or repair electrical transmission and power distribution systems.

(Amends R.S. 23:1017.1(6) and R.S. 29:723(3)-(17) and 739(C); Adds R.S. 29:723(18))