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This bill gives the legislature the authority to reimburse municipalities for property taxes exempted by a municipality for qualified fire department, emergency medical, or rescue services agency personnel or their widow or widower. The decision to provide an exemption is an opt-in decision by the municipality. Defining specifically who qualifies and how they qualify is left to the discretion of the municipality, except that they must have been a member of the organization for at least two years.

This bill leaves it to the discretion of the municipality to address the concerns raised by committee members regarding qualifications and procedures including:

1. Whether or not an annual application would be required. It seems appropriate for an annual application, since the exemption is for annual property taxes.
2. Defining qualifications for active volunteer.
3. Length of time a widow or widower would qualify and whether this would change if they remarried.
4. If paid on-call responders received the exemption.