

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to firefighters; creating s. 633.415,
 3 F.S.; providing for designation as a Firefighter
 4 Emeritus; providing requirements for such designation;
 5 providing responsibilities of the Division of State
 6 Fire Marshal and the Department of Financial Services;
 7 providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Section 633.415, Florida Statutes, is created
 12 to read:

13 633.415 Firefighter Emeritus designation.-

14 (1) A firefighter or volunteer firefighter may apply for a
 15 Firefighter Emeritus designation if he or she:

16 (a) Has at least 20 years of service;

17 (b) Has been employed by a fire service provider, as
 18 defined in s. 633.102(13), and is in good standing with his or
 19 her most recent fire service provider; and

20 (c)1. Is recorded on a fire service provider roster in the
 21 division's online electronic database or;

22 2. Was previously certified as a firefighter or volunteer
 23 firefighter in this state.

24 (2) A firefighter may have his or her Firefighter
 25 Certificate of Compliance or a Volunteer Firefighter Certificate

26 | of Completion placed into Firefighter Emeritus designation by
27 | applying to the division at the time required to renew the
28 | certificate. The application shall be made on a form prescribed
29 | by the division.

30 | (3) A Firefighter Emeritus may not engage in firefighting
31 | activities with a fire department unless he or she holds a
32 | current and valid Firefighter Certificate of Compliance or
33 | Special Certificate of Compliance issued by the division under
34 | s. 633.408.

35 | (4) After the division approves a currently employed
36 | firefighter's Firefighter Emeritus designation, the division
37 | shall, after the firefighter's 4-year period pursuant to s.
38 | 633.414, issue in its online electronic database, the
39 | Firefighter Emeritus designation upon the end of such period.

40 | (5) If a firefighter's Firefighter Certificate of
41 | Compliance or a Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion
42 | is current upon the approval of a Firefighter Emeritus
43 | designation, and he or she applies to renew such certification
44 | within the first 4 years after the date of such approval, he or
45 | she must successfully complete the Minimum Standards course
46 | examination.

47 | (6) If a firefighter's Firefighter Certificate of
48 | Compliance or a Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion
49 | has expired upon the Firefighter Emeritus designation and he or
50 | she desires to perform firefighting services, the firefighter

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51 | must successfully complete the Minimum Standards Course and
52 | course examination and meet all requirements in s. 633.412.

53 | (7) The division may adopt rules pursuant to its authority
54 | under s. 633.104(1) to implement this section.

55 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.