

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to firefighters; creating s. 633.415,  
 3           F.S.; providing for the designation as a Lifetime  
 4           Firefighter; providing requirements for such  
 5           designation; providing responsibilities of the  
 6           Division of State Fire Marshal within the Department  
 7           of Financial Services; authorizing the division to  
 8           investigate convictions or disqualifying events  
 9           concerning Lifetime Firefighters; authorizing the  
 10          division to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14           Section 1. Section 633.415, Florida Statutes, is created  
 15 to read:

16           633.415 Lifetime Firefighter designation.-

17           (1) A firefighter or volunteer firefighter may apply for a  
 18 Lifetime Firefighter designation if he or she:

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

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

23           (c) Has no conviction or other disqualifying event under  
 24 s. 633.412(2);

25           (d) Complies with s. 633.412(3); and

26 (e)1. Is recorded on a fire service provider roster in the  
 27 division's online electronic database; or

28 2. Was previously certified as a firefighter or volunteer  
 29 firefighter in this state.

30 (2) A firefighter may have his or her Firefighter  
 31 Certificate of Compliance or a Volunteer Firefighter Certificate  
 32 of Completion placed into a Lifetime Firefighter designation by  
 33 applying to the division at the time required to renew the  
 34 certificate. The application shall be made on a form prescribed  
 35 by the division.

36 (3) A Lifetime Firefighter may not engage in firefighting  
 37 activities with a fire department unless he or she holds a  
 38 current and valid Firefighter Certificate of Compliance or  
 39 Special Certificate of Compliance issued by the division under  
 40 s. 633.408.

41 (4) After the division approves a currently employed  
 42 firefighter's Lifetime Firefighter designation, the division  
 43 shall, after the firefighter's 4-year period pursuant to s.  
 44 633.414, issue in its online electronic database the Lifetime  
 45 Firefighter designation upon the end of such period.

46 (5) If a firefighter's Firefighter Certificate of  
 47 Compliance or Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion is  
 48 current upon the approval of a Lifetime Firefighter designation  
 49 and he or she applies to renew such certification within the  
 50 first 4 years after the date of such approval, he or she must

51 successfully complete the Minimum Standards Course examination  
52 for a firefighter under 633.408(1)(a), or the course  
53 examinations under 633.408(1)(b) for a volunteer firefighter,  
54 and meet all requirements in s. 633.412.

55 (6) If a firefighter's Firefighter Certificate of  
56 Compliance or Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion  
57 has expired upon receiving the Lifetime Firefighter designation  
58 and he or she desires to perform firefighting services within  
59 the first 4 years after the date of approval of the Lifetime  
60 Firefighter designation, the firefighter must successfully  
61 complete the Minimum Standards Course examination for a  
62 firefighter under 633.408(1)(a), or the course examinations  
63 under 633.408(1)(b) for a volunteer firefighter, and meet all  
64 requirements in s. 633.412.

65 (7) A Lifetime Firefighter designation shall be revoked  
66 for any of the conditions stated in ss. 633.426(3) or  
67 633.426(4). The division may investigate and take such action  
68 under s. 633.426 to implement this subsection.

69 (8) The division may adopt rules pursuant to its authority  
70 under s. 633.104(1) to implement this section.

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