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2 An act relating to firesafety; amending s.  
3 633.511, F.S.; providing for the State Fire  
4 Marshal rather than the Governor to appoint  
5 members to the Florida Fire Safety Board;  
6 amending s. 633.537, F.S.; revising continuing  
7 education requirements with respect to  
8 certificates issued by the State Fire Marshal  
9 to certain contractors; providing an effective  
10 date.

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

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14 Section 1. Effective July 1, 1997, subsection (3) of  
15 section 633.511, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 633.511 Florida Fire Safety Board; membership.--

17 (3) ~~Within 30 days after the effective date of this~~  
18 ~~act, the Governor shall appoint the members of the board.~~ The  
19 State Fire Marshal's term on the board, or that of his  
20 designated administrative employee, shall coincide with the  
21 State Fire Marshal's term of office. Of the other six members  
22 of the board, one member shall be appointed for a term of 1  
23 year, one member for a term of 2 years, two members for terms  
24 of 3 years, and two members for terms of 4 years. All terms  
25 expire on June 30 of the last year of the term. Effective July  
26 1, 1997, as the term of each member expires, the State Fire  
27 Marshal ~~Governor~~ shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy  
28 for a term of 4 years. The State Fire Marshal ~~Governor~~ may  
29 remove any appointed member for cause. A vacancy in the  
30 membership of the board for any cause shall be filled by

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1 appointment by the State Fire Marshal ~~Governor~~ for the balance  
2 of the unexpired term.

3 Section 2. Effective June 30, 1997, subsection (3) of  
4 section 633.537, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

5 633.537 Certificate; expiration; renewal; inactive  
6 certificate; continuing education.--

7 (3) Effective July 1, 1996, a certificate for the  
8 Contractor I, II, III, and IV classifications as defined in  
9 this chapter shall not be renewed unless the certificateholder  
10 produces documentation of at least 24 contact hours of  
11 continuing education in the fire protection discipline.  
12  Holders of Contractor V certificates are required to obtain 14  
13 contact hours of continuing education, each year prior to  
14 renewal, at least 1 hour of which is in the fire protection  
15 discipline. Any continuing education hours approved pursuant  
16 to chapter 489 by the Construction Industry Licensing Board  
17 for underground utility and excavation contractors, or  
18 approved for any other licensees under that board which  
19 perform activities requiring licensure as a Contractor V,  
20 shall be considered as also approved to comply with Contractor  
21 V continuing education requirements. A Contractor V shall  
22 provide to the State Fire Marshal evidence of approval of such  
23 coursework by the Construction Industry Licensing Board. Any  
24 continuing education hours approved by the department for a  
25 Contractor V certificateholder shall be considered as also  
26 approved to comply with continuing education requirements for  
27 underground utility and excavation contractors, or approved  
28 for any other licensees under that board which perform  
29 activities requiring licensure as a Contractor V. Such  
30 continuing education requirements under this section may  
31 include seminars and conferences if the program and subject

1 thereof is acceptable to the State Fire Marshal. The contact  
2 hours of continuing education must be obtained within the  
3 licensure year, except that acceptable training and education  
4 including seminars and conferences received within 18 months  
5 prior to June 30, 1997, will be allowed during this first year  
6 of continuing education requirements.

7 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
8 law.

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