

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2       An act relating to physical examinations; amending s.  
 3       493.6108, F.S.; authorizing physician assistants or  
 4       advanced registered nurse practitioners to conduct  
 5       physical examinations of Class "G" permit applicants;  
 6       amending s. 633.34, F.S.; authorizing physician assistants  
 7       or advanced registered nurse practitioners to conduct  
 8       physical examinations of any person applying for  
 9       employment as a firefighter; providing an effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 493.6108, Florida  
 14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15           493.6108 Investigation of applicants by Department of  
 16 Agriculture and Consumer Services.--

17           (2) In addition to subsection (1), the department shall  
 18 make an investigation of the general physical fitness of the  
 19 Class "G" applicant to bear a weapon or firearm. Determination  
 20 of physical fitness shall be certified by a physician or  
 21 physician assistant currently licensed pursuant to chapter 458,  
 22 chapter 459, or any similar law of another state or authorized  
 23 to act as a licensed physician by a federal agency or department  
 24 or by an advanced registered nurse practitioner currently  
 25 licensed pursuant to chapter 464. Such certification shall be  
 26 submitted on a form provided by the department.

27           Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 633.34, Florida  
 28 Statutes, is amended to read:

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29           633.34 Firefighters; qualifications for employment.--Any  
30 person applying for employment as a firefighter must:

31           (5) Be in good physical condition as determined by a  
32 medical examination given by a physician, ~~or~~ surgeon, or  
33 physician assistant licensed to practice in the state pursuant  
34 to chapter 458; ~~or~~ an osteopathic physician, or  
35 physician assistant licensed to practice in the state pursuant  
36 to chapter 459; or an advanced registered nurse practitioner  
37 licensed to practice in the state pursuant to chapter 464. Such  
38 examination may include, but need not be limited to, provisions  
39 of the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1582. A  
40 medical examination evidencing good physical condition shall be  
41 submitted to the division, on a form as provided by rule, before  
42 an individual is eligible for admission into a firefighter  
43 training program as defined in s. 633.35.

44           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.