

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to firefighters; amending s. 633.382,
 3 F.S.; specifying qualifications for and amount of
 4 supplemental compensation for a firefighter receiving a
 5 master's degree; increasing the amount of supplemental
 6 compensation for a firefighter receiving an associate or
 7 bachelor's degree; 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. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 633.382,
 12 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

13 633.382 Firefighters; supplemental compensation.--

14 (2) QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION.--

15 (a) In addition to the compensation now paid by an
 16 employing agency to any firefighter, every firefighter shall be
 17 paid supplemental compensation by the employing agency when such
 18 firefighter has complied with one of the following criteria:

19 1. Any firefighter who receives an associate degree from a
 20 college, which degree is applicable to fire department duties,
 21 as outlined in policy guidelines of the division, shall be
 22 additionally compensated as outlined in paragraph (3)(a).

23 2. Any firefighter, regardless of whether or not she or he
 24 earned an associate degree earlier, who receives from an
 25 accredited college or university a bachelor's degree, which
 26 bachelor's degree is applicable to fire department duties, as
 27 outlined in policy guidelines of the division, shall receive
 28 compensation as outlined in paragraph (3)(b).

29 3. Any firefighter, regardless of whether or not she or he
 30 earned a bachelor's degree earlier, who receives from an
 31 accredited college or university a master's degree, which
 32 master's degree is applicable to fire department duties, as
 33 outlined in policy guidelines of the division, shall receive
 34 compensation as outlined in paragraph (3)(c).

35 (b) Whenever any question arises as to the eligibility of
 36 any firefighter to receive supplemental compensation as provided
 37 in this section, the question, together with all facts relating
 38 thereto, shall be submitted to the division for determination,
 39 and the decision of the division with regard to determination of
 40 eligibility shall be final, subject to the provisions of chapter
 41 120.

42 (3) SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION.--Supplemental compensation
 43 shall be determined as follows:

44 (a) One hundred and twenty-five ~~Fifty~~ dollars shall be
 45 paid monthly to each firefighter who qualifies under ~~the~~
 46 ~~provisions of~~ subparagraph (2)(a)1.

47 (b) Two ~~One~~ hundred ~~and ten~~ dollars shall be paid monthly
 48 to each firefighter who qualifies under ~~the provisions of~~
 49 subparagraph (2)(a)2.

50 (c) Three hundred dollars shall be paid monthly to each
 51 firefighter who qualifies under subparagraph (2)(a)3.

52 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.