

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to firefighters; amending s. 633.382,
 3 F.S.; revising the definition of the term "firefighter" to
 4 include certain firesafety inspectors; revising
 5 supplemental compensation qualifications for a firefighter
 6 receiving an associate degree to provide that the degree
 7 must be obtained from an accredited college or university;
 8 specifying qualifications for and amount of supplemental
 9 compensation for a firefighter receiving a master's
 10 degree; increasing the amount of supplemental compensation
 11 for a firefighter receiving an associate or bachelor's
 12 degree; providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section
 17 633.382, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

18 633.382 Firefighters; supplemental compensation.--

19 (1) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section, the term:

20 (a) "Employing agency" means any municipality or any
 21 county, the state, or any political subdivision of the state,
 22 including authorities and special districts employing
 23 firefighters.

24 (b) "Firefighter" means any person who meets the
 25 definition of the term "firefighter" in s. 633.30(1) who is
 26 certified in compliance with s. 633.35 and who is employed
 27 solely within the fire department of the employing agency or is
 28 employed by the division or any person who meets the definition

29 of the term "firesafety inspector" in s. 633.021(10) and who is
 30 employed solely within the fire department of the employing
 31 agency or is employed by the division.

32 (2) QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION.--

33 (a) In addition to the compensation now paid by an
 34 employing agency to any firefighter, every firefighter shall be
 35 paid supplemental compensation by the employing agency when such
 36 firefighter has complied with one of the following criteria:

37 1. Any firefighter who receives an associate degree from
 38 an accredited a college or university, which degree is
 39 applicable to fire department duties, as outlined in policy
 40 guidelines of the division, shall be additionally compensated as
 41 outlined in paragraph (3) (a).

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

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

54 (b) Whenever any question arises as to the eligibility of
 55 any firefighter to receive supplemental compensation as provided
 56 in this section, the question, together with all facts relating

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57 thereto, shall be submitted to the division for determination,
58 and the decision of the division with regard to determination of
59 eligibility shall be final, subject to the provisions of chapter
60 120.

61 (3) SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION.--Supplemental compensation
62 shall be determined as follows:

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

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

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

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