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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
04/03/2017	.	
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The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Stargel) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

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

633.415 Lifetime Firefighter designation.-

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

(a) Has at least 20 years of service;



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

14 (c) Has not been convicted of a felony under s. 633.412(2),
15 and so attests; and

16 (d)1. Is recorded on a fire service provider roster in the
17 division's online electronic database; or

18 2. Was previously certified as a firefighter or volunteer
19 firefighter in this state.

20 (2) A firefighter may have his or her Firefighter
21 Certificate of Compliance or a Volunteer Firefighter Certificate
22 of Completion placed into a Lifetime Firefighter designation by
23 applying to the division at the time required to renew the
24 certificate. The application shall be made on a form prescribed
25 by the division.

26 (3) A Lifetime Firefighter may not engage in firefighting
27 activities with a fire department unless he or she holds a
28 current and valid Firefighter Certificate of Compliance or
29 Special Certificate of Compliance issued by the division under
30 s. 633.408.

31 (4) After the division approves a currently employed
32 firefighter's Lifetime Firefighter designation, the division
33 shall, after the firefighter's 4-year period pursuant to s.
34 633.414, issue in its online electronic database the Lifetime
35 Firefighter designation upon the end of such period.

36 (5) If a firefighter's Firefighter Certificate of
37 Compliance or Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion is
38 current upon the approval of a Lifetime Firefighter designation
39 and he or she applies to renew such certification within the



40 first 4 years after the date of such approval, he or she must
41 successfully complete the Minimum Standards Course Examination
42 for a firefighter or a volunteer firefighter task book for a
43 volunteer firefighter, and meet all requirements in s. 633.412.

44 (6) If a firefighter's Firefighter Certificate of
45 Compliance or Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion
46 has expired upon receiving the Lifetime Firefighter designation
47 and he or she desires to perform firefighting services within
48 the first 4 years after the date of approval of the Lifetime
49 Firefighter designation, the firefighter must successfully
50 complete the Minimum Standards Course Examination for a
51 firefighter or a volunteer firefighter task book for a volunteer
52 firefighter, and meet all requirements in s. 633.412.

53 (7) The division may investigate any report, complaint, or
54 felony conviction concerning a Lifetime Firefighter pursuant to
55 s. 633.412 or s. 633.426.

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

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

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61 And the title is amended as follows:

62 Delete everything before the enacting clause
63 and insert:

64 A bill to be entitled
65 An act relating to firefighters; creating s. 633.415,
66 F.S.; providing for the designation as a Lifetime
67 Firefighter; providing requirements for such
68 designation; providing responsibilities of the



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69 Division of State Fire Marshal within the Department
70 of Financial Services; authorizing the division to
71 investigate reports, complaints, or felony convictions
72 concerning Lifetime Firefighters; authorizing the
73 division to adopt rules; providing an effective date.