

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Stargel

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to firefighters; creating s. 633.415,
3 F.S.; providing for the designation as a Lifetime
4 Firefighter; providing requirements for such
5 designation; providing responsibilities of the
6 Division of State Fire Marshal within the Department
7 of Financial Services; authorizing the division to
8 investigate reports, complaints, or felony convictions
9 concerning Lifetime Firefighters; authorizing the
10 division to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

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

16 633.415 Lifetime Firefighter designation.—

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

19 (a) Has at least 20 years of service;

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

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

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

27 2. Was previously certified as a firefighter or volunteer
28 firefighter in this state.

29 (2) A firefighter may have his or her Firefighter

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30 Certificate of Compliance or a Volunteer Firefighter Certificate
31 of Completion placed into a Lifetime Firefighter designation by
32 applying to the division at the time required to renew the
33 certificate. The application shall be made on a form prescribed
34 by the division.

35 (3) A Lifetime Firefighter may not engage in firefighting
36 activities with a fire department unless he or she holds a
37 current and valid Firefighter Certificate of Compliance or
38 Special Certificate of Compliance issued by the division under
39 s. 633.408.

40 (4) After the division approves a currently employed
41 firefighter's Lifetime Firefighter designation, the division
42 shall, after the firefighter's 4-year period pursuant to s.
43 633.414, issue in its online electronic database the Lifetime
44 Firefighter designation upon the end of such period.

45 (5) If a firefighter's Firefighter Certificate of
46 Compliance or Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion is
47 current upon the approval of a Lifetime Firefighter designation
48 and he or she applies to renew such certification within the
49 first 4 years after the date of such approval, he or she must
50 successfully complete the Minimum Standards Course Examination
51 for a firefighter or a volunteer firefighter task book for a
52 volunteer firefighter, and meet all requirements in s. 633.412.

53 (6) If a firefighter's Firefighter Certificate of
54 Compliance or Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion
55 has expired upon receiving the Lifetime Firefighter designation
56 and he or she desires to perform firefighting services within
57 the first 4 years after the date of approval of the Lifetime
58 Firefighter designation, the firefighter must successfully

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59 complete the Minimum Standards Course Examination for a
60 firefighter or a volunteer firefighter task book for a volunteer
61 firefighter, and meet all requirements in s. 633.412.

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

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

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