

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Firefighter Emeritus; creating s.  
3           633.415, F.S.; providing for designation as a  
4           Firefighter Emeritus; providing requirements for such  
5           designation; requiring the Division of State Fire  
6           Marshal to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

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

12       633.415 Firefighter Emeritus.—

13       (1) A firefighter with more than 20 years of service may  
14       apply, within 4 years after separation from active duty as a  
15       firefighter, for designation as a Firefighter Emeritus. Such  
16       designation is valid for a 4-year period.

17       (2)(a) The division may impose a fee, not to exceed \$50,  
18       for a Firefighter Emeritus designation or for renewal of the  
19       designation.

20       (b) The division may provide for a different fee if the  
21       status is requested by a fire service instructor I, II, or III,  
22       or firesafety inspector certified pursuant to chapter 633.

23       (3) A Firefighter Emeritus who, after separation from  
24       employment, returns to active status under s. 633.414(4) must  
25       pay any licensure fees and satisfy all continuing education

26 | requirements prescribed by general law or by rule.

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

32 | (5) A Firefighter Emeritus shall apply for renewal of his  
33 | or her designation as a Firefighter Emeritus on a form  
34 | prescribed by the division. A Firefighter Emeritus who does not  
35 | renew his or her designation before the end of the 4-year period  
36 | is subject to a \$50 administrative fee.

37 | (6) The division shall adopt rules to administer this  
38 | section.

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