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 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 convictions or disqualifying events
 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
 15 to 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 no conviction or other disqualifying event under
 24 s. 633.412(2);

25 (d) Complies with s. 633.412(3); and

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

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

30 (2) A firefighter may have his or her Firefighter
 31 Certificate of Compliance or a Volunteer Firefighter Certificate
 32 of Completion placed into a Lifetime Firefighter designation by
 33 applying to the division at the time required to renew the
 34 certificate. The application shall be made on a form prescribed
 35 by the division.

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

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

46 (5) If a firefighter's Firefighter Certificate of
 47 Compliance or Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion is
 48 current upon the approval of a Lifetime Firefighter designation
 49 and he or she applies to renew such certification within the
 50 first 4 years after the date of such approval, he or she must

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51 successfully complete the Minimum Standards Course examination
52 for a firefighter under 633.408(1)(a), or the course
53 examinations under 633.408(1)(b) for a volunteer firefighter,
54 and meet all requirements in s. 633.412.

55 (6) If a firefighter's Firefighter Certificate of
56 Compliance or Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion
57 has expired upon receiving the Lifetime Firefighter designation
58 and he or she desires to perform firefighting services within
59 the first 4 years after the date of approval of the Lifetime
60 Firefighter designation, the firefighter must successfully
61 complete the Minimum Standards Course examination for a
62 firefighter under 633.408(1)(a), or the course examinations
63 under 633.408(1)(b) for a volunteer firefighter, and meet all
64 requirements in s. 633.412.

65 (7) A Lifetime Firefighter designation shall be revoked
66 for any of the conditions stated in ss. 633.426(3) or
67 633.426(4). The division may investigate and take such action
68 under s. 633.426 to implement this subsection.

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

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