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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to fire safety; amending s. 633.408,
3 F.S.; requiring the Division of State Fire Marshal to
4 establish specified courses as a part of firefighter
5 and volunteer firefighter training and certification;
6 amending s. 633.412, F.S.; revising firefighter
7 certification requirements; amending s. 633.508, F.S.;
8 specifying the division's authority to adopt rules for
9 training related to cancer and mental health risks
10 within the fire service; 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. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of
15 section 633.408, Florida Statutes, to read:

16 633.408 Firefighter and volunteer firefighter training and
17 certification.—

18 (1) The division shall establish by rule:

19 (d) Courses to provide training for career and volunteer
20 firefighters related to cancer and mental health risks within
21 the fire service. Such training must be a requirement for
22 obtaining a Firefighter Certificate of Compliance, Volunteer
23 Firefighter Certificate of Completion, or Special Certificate of
24 Compliance. The training must include cancer and mental health
25 awareness, prevention, mitigation, and treatment. The training
26 must specifically include lifestyle, environmental, inherited,
27 and occupational risks, and emphasize appropriate behavior,
28 attitude, and cultural changes within the fire service.
29 Certified firefighters shall have such training made available

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30 to them.

31 Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 633.412, Florida
32 Statutes, is amended to read:

33 633.412 Firefighters; qualifications for certification.—A
34 person applying for certification as a firefighter must:

35 (6) Be a nonuser of tobacco or tobacco products for at
36 least 1 year immediately preceding application and during his or
37 her career in the fire service, as evidenced by the sworn
38 affidavit of the applicant.

39 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 633.508, Florida
40 Statutes, is amended to read:

41 633.508 Workplace safety; rulemaking authority; division
42 authority.—

43 (2) The division shall have the authority to adopt rules
44 for the purpose of ensuring safe working conditions for all
45 firefighter employees by authorizing the enforcement of
46 effective standards, by assisting and encouraging firefighter
47 employers to maintain safe working conditions, and by providing
48 for education and training in the field of safety, including
49 training related to cancer and mental health risks within the
50 fire service. Specifically, the division may by rule adopt the
51 most current edition of all or any part of subparts C through T
52 and subpart Z of 29 C.F.R. s. 1910; the National Fire Protection
53 Association, Inc., Publication 1403, Standard on Live Fire
54 Training Evolutions, as limited by subsection (6); and ANSI A
55 10.4.

56 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.