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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to 911 public safety telecommunicator  
3 certifications; amending s. 401.465, F.S.; increasing  
4 the timeframe within which an inactive 911 public  
5 safety telecommunicator certificate may be reactivated  
6 before it permanently expires; deleting a process by  
7 which a certificateholder may voluntarily place his or  
8 her certificate in inactive status; providing  
9 applicability; prohibiting the Department of Health  
10 from requiring certificateholders to pay a fee or to  
11 make an election to place their certificates in  
12 inactive status, beginning on a specified date;  
13 requiring that certain fees paid by a  
14 certificateholder before a specified date be credited  
15 toward any future renewal fees required to be paid by  
16 the certificateholder; providing for retroactive  
17 application; providing an effective date.

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

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21 Section 1. Paragraphs (f) and (h) of subsection (2) of  
22 section 401.465, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

23 401.465 911 public safety telecommunicator certification.—

24 (2) PERSONNEL; STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION.—

25 (f) A 911 public safety telecommunicator certificate  
26 expires automatically if not renewed at the end of the 2-year  
27 period and may be renewed if the holder meets the qualifications  
28 for renewal as established by the department. A certificate that  
29 is not renewed at the end of the 2-year period automatically

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30 reverts to an inactive status for a period that may not exceed 6  
31 years ~~180 days~~. Such certificate may be reactivated and renewed  
32 within the 6-year ~~180-day~~ period by ~~if~~ the certificateholder  
33 pursuant to paragraph (h). A certificate that has been inactive  
34 for more than 6 years automatically expires and may not be  
35 renewed ~~meets all other qualifications for renewal and pays a~~  
36 ~~\$50 late fee. Reactivation shall be in a manner and on forms~~  
37 ~~prescribed by department rule.~~

38 (h) ~~A certificateholder may request that his or her 911~~  
39 ~~public safety telecommunicator certificate be placed on inactive~~  
40 ~~status by applying to the department before his or her current~~  
41 ~~certification expires and paying a fee set by the department,~~  
42 ~~which may not exceed \$50.~~

43 ~~1. A certificateholder whose certificate has been on~~  
44 ~~inactive status for 6 years ~~1 year~~ or less may renew his or her~~  
45 ~~certificate pursuant to the rules adopted by the department and~~  
46 ~~upon payment of a renewal fee set by the department, which may~~  
47 ~~not exceed \$50.~~

48 ~~2. A certificateholder whose certificate has been on~~  
49 ~~inactive status for more than 1 year may renew his or her~~  
50 ~~certificate pursuant to rules adopted by the department.~~

51 ~~3. A certificate that has been inactive for more than 6~~  
52 ~~years automatically expires and may not be renewed.~~

53 Section 2. (1) The amendments made by this act to s.  
54 401.465(2)(f) and (h), Florida Statutes, apply regardless of  
55 whether the certificateholder voluntarily placed his or her  
56 certificate in inactive status pursuant to former s.  
57 401.465(2)(h), Florida Statutes, or the certificate reverted to  
58 inactive status pursuant to s. 401.465(2)(f), Florida Statutes,

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59 during the 6-year period before the effective date of this act.  
60 Beginning on the effective date of this act, the Department of  
61 Health may not require a certificateholder to pay a fee or to  
62 make an election to place his or her certificate in inactive  
63 status.

64 (2) Any fee paid by a certificateholder to voluntarily  
65 place his or her certificate in inactive status during the 6-  
66 year period before the effective date of this act must be  
67 credited toward any future renewal fee required to be paid by  
68 the certificateholder under s. 401.465(2)(h), Florida Statutes.

69 (3) This act is remedial in nature and applies  
70 retroactively to any public safety telecommunicator certificate  
71 that has expired pursuant to former s. 401.465(2)(f), Florida  
72 Statutes, during the 6-year period before the effective date of  
73 this act.

74 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.