

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the Division of State Fire Marshal;  
3       amending s. 633.408, F.S.; requiring the Division of  
4       State Fire Marshal to accept training and  
5       certification of firefighters from another  
6       jurisdiction under certain circumstances; requiring  
7       the division to make a specified finding before  
8       denying a firefighter certificate; defining the term  
9       "basis certificate"; amending ss. 633.508 and 633.520,  
10      F.S.; requiring the division to adopt certain rules  
11      relating to contaminated personal protective equipment  
12      and firefighting gear; providing an effective date.

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

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16       **Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 633.408, Florida**  
17 **Statutes, is amended, and subsection (10) is added to that**  
18 **section, to read:**

19       633.408 Firefighter and volunteer firefighter training and  
20       certification.—

21       (2) Except as provided in subsection (10), courses under  
22       subsection (1) may only be administered by education or training  
23       providers approved by the division pursuant to s. 633.128(1)(c)  
24       and taught by instructors certified pursuant to s.  
25       633.128(1)(d).

(10) If the division determines that another state's training and certification requirements or examinations are substantially equivalent or more stringent than those required under this section or chapter, the division must accept such substantially similar training and certification for certification in this state. Before the division may deny a certificate under this section, the division must make a finding that the basis certificate in another jurisdiction is or is not substantially equivalent to or is otherwise insufficient for certification in this state. As used in this subsection, the term "basis certificate" means the certificate or training requirements of another jurisdiction, which are used to meet the requirements for certification in this state.

**Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (7) of section 633.508, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (d), and a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, to read:**

633.508 Workplace safety; rulemaking authority; division authority.—

(7) The division shall adopt rules relating to all of the following:

(c) Prohibiting firefighter employers from requiring their firefighter employees to bring their personal protective equipment or firefighting gear home if such equipment or gear is contaminated.

**Section 3. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (2) of**

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51   **section 633.520, Florida Statutes, to read:**

52       633.520   Safety; firefighter employer responsibilities.—

53       (2)   The division shall adopt rules to establish:

54       (c)   Employers' best practices related to contaminated  
55   personal protective equipment or firefighting gear.

56       **Section 4.**   This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.