

By Senator Burgess

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

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

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

633.408 Firefighter and volunteer firefighter training and
certification.—

(2) Except as provided in subsection (10), courses under
subsection (1) may only be administered by education or training
providers approved by the division pursuant to s. 633.128(1)(c)
and taught by instructors certified pursuant to s.
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 chapter, the division must accept such substantially

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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 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. Present 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 that their firefighter employees take 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 section 633.520, Florida Statutes, to read:

633.520 Safety; firefighter employer responsibilities.—

(2) The division shall adopt rules to establish:

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

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