

CHAMBER ACTION

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The Committee on General Government Appropriations (Jones) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between line(s) 469 and 470, insert:

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Section 3. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section 218.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

218.23 Revenue sharing with units of local government. --

- To be eligible to participate in revenue sharing beyond the minimum entitlement in any fiscal year, a unit of local government is required to have:
- (e) Certified that persons in its employ as firefighters, as defined in s. 633.30 \pm 633.30(1), meet the qualification for employment as established by the Division of State Fire Marshal



pursuant to the provisions of ss. 633.34 and 633.35 and that the provisions of s. 633.382 have been met.

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Additionally, to receive its share of revenue sharing funds, a unit of local government shall certify to the Department of Revenue that the requirements of s. 200.065, if applicable, were met. The certification shall be made annually within 30 days of adoption of an ordinance or resolution establishing a final property tax levy or, if no property tax is levied, not later than November 1. The portion of revenue sharing funds which, pursuant to this part, would otherwise be distributed to a unit of local government which has not certified compliance or has otherwise failed to meet the requirements of s. 200.065 shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund for the 12 months following a determination of noncompliance by the department.

Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 447.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

447.203 Definitions.--As used in this part:

- "Managerial employees" are those employees who:
- Serve as police chiefs, fire chiefs, or directors of public safety of any police, fire, or public safety department. Other police officers, as defined in s. 943.10(1), and firefighters, as defined in s. $633.30 \cdot s. \cdot 633.30(1)$, may be determined by the commission to be managerial employees of such departments. In making such determinations, the commission shall consider, in addition to the criteria established in paragraph (a), the paramilitary organizational structure of the department involved.

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However, in determining whether an individual is a managerial employee pursuant to either paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), above, the commission may consider historic relationships of the employee to the public employer and to coemployees.

Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 553.895, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

553.895 Firesafety.--

(1) Any transient public lodging establishment, as defined in chapter 509 and used primarily for transient occupancy as defined in s. 83.43(10), or any timeshare unit of a timeshare plan as defined in chapters 718 and 721, which is of three stories or more and for which the construction contract has been let after September 30, 1983, with interior corridors which do not have direct access from the quest area to exterior means of egress and on buildings over 75 feet in height that have direct access from the guest area to exterior means of egress and for which the construction contract has been let after September 30, 1983, shall be equipped with an automatic sprinkler system installed in compliance with the current edition of the applicable fire sprinkler standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal. the provisions prescribed in the National Fire Protection Association publication NFPA No. 13 (1985), "Standards for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems." Each quest room and each timeshare unit shall be equipped with an approved listed single-station smoke detector meeting the minimum requirements of NFPA 72, the current edition adopted by the State Fire Marshal, 74 (1984) "Standards for the Installation, Maintenance and Use of Household Fire Warning Equipment," powered from the building electrical service, notwithstanding the number of stories in the structure, if the contract for construction is let after

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September 30, 1983. Single-station smoke detectors shall not be required when guest rooms or timeshare units contain smoke detectors connected to a central alarm system which also alarms locally.

Section 6. Section 633.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

633.02 Agents; powers and duties; compensation. -- The State Fire Marshal shall appoint such agents as may be necessary to carry out effectively the provisions of this chapter, who shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061, in addition to their salary, when traveling or making investigations in the performance of their duties. Such agents shall be at all times under the direction and control of the State Fire Marshal, who shall fix their compensation, and all orders shall be issued in the State Fire Marshal's name and by her or his authority.

Section 7. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 633.022, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

633.022 Uniform firesafety standards. -- The Legislature hereby determines that to protect the public health, safety, and welfare it is necessary to provide for firesafety standards governing the construction and utilization of certain buildings and structures. The Legislature further determines that certain buildings or structures, due to their specialized use or to the special characteristics of the person utilizing or occupying these buildings or structures, should be subject to firesafety standards reflecting these special needs as may be appropriate.

- The department shall establish uniform firesafety standards that apply to:
- All new, existing, and proposed state-owned and stateleased buildings.



(b) All new, existing, and proposed hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, correctional facilities, public schools, transient public lodging establishments, public food service establishments, elevators, migrant labor camps, mobile home parks, lodging parks, recreational vehicle parks, recreational camps, residential and nonresidential child care facilities, facilities for the developmentally disabled, motion picture and television special effects productions, $tun_{\underline{nels},}$ and self-service gasoline stations, of which standards the State Fire Marshal is the final administrative interpreting authority.

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> If In the event there is a dispute between the owners of the buildings specified in paragraph (b) and a local authority requiring a more stringent uniform firesafety standard for sprinkler systems, the State Fire Marshal shall be the final administrative interpreting authority and the State Fire Marshal's interpretation regarding the uniform firesafety standards shall be considered final agency action.

- (4) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each nursing home licensed under part II of chapter 400 shall be protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with s. 9 of National Fire Protection Association, Inc., Life Safety Code, in accordance with the following schedule:
- 1. Each hazardous area of each nursing home shall be protected by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system by no later than December 31, 2008.
- 2. Each entire nursing home shall be protected by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system by no later than

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December 31, 2010. A nursing home licensee shall submit complete sprinkler construction documents to the Agency for Health Care Administration for review by December 31, 2008, and the licensee must gain final approval to start construction from the agency by June 30, 2009. The agency shall grant a 6-month extension to a nursing home licensee if the completion and submission of the sprinkler construction documents are contingent upon the approval of the application for the loan guarantee program authorized under s. 633.0245. In such case, the agency may extend the deadline for final approval to begin construction beyond June 30, 2009, but the deadline may not be extended beyond December 31, 2009.

Section 8. Subsection (9) of section 633.0245, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

633.0245 State Fire Marshal Nursing Home Fire Protection Loan Guarantee Program. --

(9) An No application for participation in the State Fire Marshal Nursing Home Fire Protection Loan Guarantee Program may not be accepted by the State Fire Marshal after July 1, 2009 June 30, 2006.

Section 9. Subsection (11) is added to section 633.025, Florida Statutes, to read:

633.025 Minimum firesafety standards.--

- (11) (a) The plans for, and inspections of, manufactured buildings may be completed at the point of manufacture as long as the following requirements are met:
- 1. The person reviewing the plans and inspecting the manufactured or prototype building must be currently certified as a firesafety inspector under s. 633.081(2); and

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- 2. The manufacturer's modular data plate, stating that the building is in compliance with chapter 633 and the rules of the department, has been affixed to the building.
- The local fire official shall recognize and approve (b) such manufactured building, subject to local fire code amendments, acceptable performance testing of life safety systems, and site conditions. The cost of any additional work necessary to meet these requirements, if any, shall be born by the manufacturer. The department may adopt rules to administer this subsection.

Section 10. Subsections (1) and (2) and paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 633.061, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

633.061 Fire suppression equipment; license to install or maintain.--

It is unlawful for any organization or individual to engage in the business of servicing, repairing, recharging, testing, marking, inspecting, installing, or hydrotesting any fire extinguisher or preengineered system in this state except in conformity with the provisions of this chapter. Each organization or individual that engages in such activity must possess a valid and subsisting license issued by the State Fire Marshal. All fire extinguishers and preengineered systems required by statute or by rule must be serviced by an organization or individual licensed under the provisions of this chapter. A licensee who receives appropriate training shall not be prohibited by a manufacturer from servicing any particular brand of fire extinguisher or preengineered system. The licensee is legally qualified to act for the business organization in all matters connected with its business, and the licensee must supervise all activities



undertaken by such business organization. Each licensee shall maintain a specific business location. A further requirement, in the case of multiple locations where such servicing or recharging is taking place, is that each licensee who maintains more than one place of business where actual work is carried on must possess an additional license, as set forth in this section, for each location, except that a licensed individual may not qualify for more than five locations. A licensee is limited to a specific type of work performed depending upon the class of license held. Licenses and license fees are required for the following:

- (a) Class A...\$250
- To service, recharge, repair, install, or inspect all types of fire extinguishers and to conduct hydrostatic tests on all types of fire extinguishers.
- 209 (b) Class B....\$150
 - To service, recharge, repair, install, or inspect all types of fire extinguishers, including recharging carbon dioxide units and conducting hydrostatic tests on all types of fire extinguishers, except carbon dioxide units.
 - (c) Class C....\$150
 - To service, recharge, repair, install, or inspect all types of fire extinguishers, except recharging carbon dioxide units, and to conduct hydrostatic tests on all types of fire extinguishers, except carbon dioxide units.
 - (d) Class D....\$200
 - To service, repair, recharge, hydrotest, install, or inspect all types of preengineered fire extinguishing systems.
 - (e) Licenses issued as duplicates or to reflect a change of address....\$10

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Any fire equipment dealer licensed pursuant to this subsection who does not want to engage in the business of servicing, inspecting, recharging, repairing, hydrotesting, or installing clean agent halon equipment must file an affidavit on a form provided by the division so stating. Licenses will be issued by the division to reflect the work authorized thereunder. It is unlawful, unlicensed activity for any person or firm to falsely hold himself or herself or a business organization out to perform any service, inspection, recharge, repair, hydrotest, or installation except as specifically described in the license.

- (2) Each individual actually performing the work of servicing, recharging, repairing, hydrotesting, installing, testing, or inspecting fire extinguishers or preengineered systems must possess a valid and subsisting permit issued by the State Fire Marshal. Permittees are limited as to specific type of work performed to allow work no more extensive than the class of license held by the licensee under whom the permittee is working. Permits will be issued by the division and the fees required are as follows:
 - (a) Portable permit....\$90
- "Portable permittee" means a person who is limited to performing work no more extensive than the employing licensee in the servicing, recharging, repairing, installing, or inspecting all types of portable fire extinguishers.
 - (b) Preengineered permit....\$120
- "Preengineered permittee" means a person who is limited to the servicing, recharging, repairing, installing, or inspecting of all types of preengineered fire extinguishing systems.
- Permits issued as duplicates or to reflect a change of address....\$10



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Any fire equipment permittee licensed pursuant to this subsection who does not want to engage in servicing, inspecting, recharging, repairing, hydrotesting, or installing clean agent halon equipment must file an affidavit on a form provided by the division so stating. Permits will be issued by the division to reflect the work authorized thereunder. It is unlawful, unlicensed activity for any person or firm to falsely hold himself or herself out to perform any service, inspection, recharge, repair, hydrotest, or installation except as specifically described in the permit.

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(3) (a) Such licenses and permits shall be issued by the State Fire Marshal for 2 years beginning January 1, 2000, and each 2-year period thereafter and expiring December 31 of the second year. All licenses or permits issued will expire on December 31 of each odd-numbered year. The failure to renew a license or permit by December 31 of the second year will cause the license or permit to become inoperative. The holder of an inoperative license or permit shall not engage in any activities for which a license or permit is required by this section. A license or permit which is inoperative because of the failure to renew it shall be restored upon payment of the applicable fee plus a penalty equal to the applicable fee, if the application for renewal is filed no later than the following March 31. If the application for restoration is not made before the March 31st deadline, the fee for restoration shall be equal to the original application fee and the penalty provided for herein, and, in addition, the State Fire Marshal shall require reexamination of the applicant. The fee for a license or permit issued for 1 year or less shall be prorated at 50 percent of the applicable fee for

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a biennial license or permit. Following the initial licensure, each licensee or permittee shall successfully complete a course or courses of continuing education for fire equipment technicians of at least $16 \frac{32}{100}$ hours. A license or permit may not be renewed unless the licensee or permittee produces documentation of the completion of at least 16 hours of continuing education for fire equipment technicians during the biennial licensure period within 4 years of initial issuance of a license or permit and within each 4-year period thereafter or no such license or permit shall be renewed. A person who is both a licensee and a permittee shall be required to complete a total of 16 32 hours of continuing education during each renewal per 4-year period. Each licensee shall ensure that all permittees in his or her employment meet their continuing education requirements. The State Fire Marshal shall adopt rules describing the continuing education requirements and shall have the authority upon reasonable belief, to audit a fire equipment dealer to determine compliance with continuing education requirements.

Section 11. Section 633.081, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

633.081 Inspection of buildings and equipment; orders; firesafety inspection training requirements; certification; disciplinary action. -- The State Fire Marshal and her or his agents may shall, at any reasonable hour, when the department has reasonable cause to believe that a violation of this chapter or s. 509.215, or a rule promulgated thereunder, or a minimum firesafety code adopted by the State Fire Marshal or a local authority, may exist, inspect any and all buildings and structures which are subject to the requirements of this chapter or s. 509.215 and rules promulgated thereunder. The authority to

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inspect shall extend to all equipment, vehicles, and chemicals which are located on or within the premises of any such building or structure.

- Each county, municipality, and special district that has firesafety enforcement responsibilities shall employ or contract with a firesafety inspector. The firesafety inspector must conduct all firesafety inspections that are required by law. The governing body of a county, municipality, or special district that has firesafety enforcement responsibilities may provide a schedule of fees to pay only the costs of inspections conducted pursuant to this subsection and related administrative expenses. Two or more counties, municipalities, or special districts that have firesafety enforcement responsibilities may jointly employ or contract with a firesafety inspector.
- (2) Every firesafety inspection conducted pursuant to state or local firesafety requirements shall be by a person certified as having met the inspection training requirements set by the State Fire Marshal. Such person shall:
- (a) Be a high school graduate or the equivalent as determined by the department;
- (b) Not have been found guilty of, or having pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, a felony or a crime punishable by imprisonment of 1 year or more under the law of the United States, or of any state thereof, which involves moral turpitude, without regard to whether a judgment of conviction has been entered by the court having jurisdiction of such cases;
- (c) Have her or his fingerprints on file with the department or with an agency designated by the department;
- (d) Have good moral character as determined by the department;

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- 345 (e) Be at least 18 years of age;
 - (f) Have satisfactorily completed the firesafety inspector certification examination as prescribed by the department; and
 - (q)1. Have satisfactorily completed, as determined by the department, a firesafety inspector training program of not less than 200 hours established by the department and administered by agencies and institutions approved by the department for the purpose of providing basic certification training for firesafety inspectors; or
 - 2. Have received in another state training which is determined by the department to be at least equivalent to that required by the department for approved firesafety inspector education and training programs in this state.
 - (3)(a)1. Effective July 1, 2011, the classification of special state firesafety inspector is abolished and all special state firesafety inspector certifications expire at midnight June 30, 2011.
 - 2. Any person who is a special state firesafety inspector on June 30, 2011, and who has failed to comply with paragraph (b) or paragraph (c) is not permitted to perform any firesafety inspection required by law.
 - 3. A special state firesafety inspector certification may not be awarded after June 30, 2008.
 - (b) 1. Any person who is a special state firesafety inspector on July 1, 2008, and who has at least 5 years of experience as a special state firesafety inspector as of July 1, 2008, may take the same firesafety inspection examination as provided in paragraph (2)(f) for firesafety inspectors before July 1, 2011, to be certified as a firesafety inspector described in subsection (2).

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- 375 2. Upon passing the examination, the person shall be certified as a firesafety inspector as provided in subsection 376 377 (2).
 - 3. Failure to obtain certification requires compliance with paragraph (c) to be certified as a firesafety inspector as provided in subsection (2).
 - (c)1. To be certified as a firesafety inspector as provided in subsection (2), any person who:
 - a. Is a special state firesafety inspector on July 1, 2008, and who does not have 5 years of experience as a special state firesafety inspector as of July 1, 2008; or
 - b. Has 5 years of experience as a special state firesafety inspector but has failed the examination taken pursuant to paragraph (b),

must take an additional 80 hours of the courses described in paragraph (2)(g).

- 2. After successfully completing the courses described in this paragraph, such person is permitted to take the firesafety inspection examination described in paragraph (2)(f), if such examination is taken before July 1, 2011.
- 3. Upon passing the examination, the person is certified as a firesafety inspector as provided in subsection (2).
- 4. A person who fails the course of study or the examination described in this paragraph may not perform any firesafety inspection required by law on or after July 1, 2011 Each special state firesafety inspection which is required by law and is conducted by or on behalf of an agency of the state must be performed by an individual who has met the provision of subsection (2), except that the duration of the training program

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shall not exceed 120 hours of specific training for the type of property that such special state firesafety inspectors are assigned to inspect.

- (4) A firefighter certified pursuant to s. 633.35 may conduct firesafety inspections, under the supervision of a certified firesafety inspector, while on duty as a member of a fire department company conducting inservice firesafety inspections without being certified as a firesafety inspector, if such firefighter has satisfactorily completed an inservice fire department company inspector training program of at least 24 hours' duration as provided by rule of the department.
- (5) Every firesafety inspector or special state firesafety inspector certificate is valid for a period of 3 years from the date of issuance. Renewal of certification shall be subject to the affected person's completing proper application for renewal and meeting all of the requirements for renewal as established under this chapter or by rule adopted promulgated thereunder, which shall include completion of at least 40 hours during the preceding 3-year period of continuing education as required by the rule of the department or, in lieu thereof, successful passage of an examination as established by the department.
- (6) The State Fire Marshal may deny, refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke the certificate of a firesafety inspector or special state firesafety inspector if it finds that any of the following grounds exist:
- Any cause for which issuance of a certificate could have been refused had it then existed and been known to the State Fire Marshal.
- (b) Violation of this chapter or any rule or order of the State Fire Marshal.

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- 435 (c) Falsification of records relating to the certificate.
 - (d) Having been found quilty of or having pleaded quilty or nolo contendere to a felony, whether or not a judgment of conviction has been entered.
 - Failure to meet any of the renewal requirements.
 - Having been convicted of a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of fire code inspection, plan review, or administration.
 - Making or filing a report or record that the certificateholder knows to be false, or knowingly inducing another to file a false report or record, or knowingly failing to file a report or record required by state or local law, or knowingly impeding or obstructing such filing, or knowingly inducing another person to impede or obstruct such filing.
 - Failing to properly enforce applicable fire codes or permit requirements within this state which the certificateholder knows are applicable by committing willful misconduct, gross negligence, gross misconduct, repeated negligence, or negligence resulting in a significant danger to life or property.
 - (i) Accepting labor, services, or materials at no charge or at a noncompetitive rate from any person who performs work that is under the enforcement authority of the certificateholder and who is not an immediate family member of the certificateholder. For the purpose of this paragraph, the term "immediate family member" means a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or first cousin of the person or the person's spouse or any person who resides in the primary residence of the certificateholder.
 - The department shall provide by rule for the certification of firesafety inspectors.

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- (8) The State Fire Marshal may develop by rule an advanced training and certification program for firesafety inspectors with fire code management responsibility. This program shall be consistent with national standards. The program shall establish minimum training, education, and experience levels for fire safety inspectors with fire code management responsibilities.
- (9) The Division of State Fire Marshal may enter into a reciprocity agreement with the Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board, established pursuant to s. 468.605, to facilitate joint recognition of continuing education recertification hours for certificateholders licensed in accordance with s. 468.609 and firesafety inspectors certified in accordance with subsection (2).

Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section 633.085, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

633.085 Inspections of state buildings and premises; tests of firesafety equipment; building plans to be approved .--

(1) (a) It is the duty of the State Fire Marshal and her or his agents to inspect, or cause to be inspected, each state-owned building and each building located on land owned by the state and used primarily for state purposes as determined by the State Fire Marshal, such buildings to be referred to in this section as a state-owned building or state-owned buildings, on a recurring basis established by rule, and to ensure that high-hazard occupancies are inspected at least annually, for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions liable to cause fire or endanger life from fire and any violation of the firesafety standards for state-owned buildings, the provisions of this chapter, or the rules or regulations adopted and promulgated

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pursuant hereto. The State Fire Marshal shall, within 7 days following an inspection, submit a report of such inspection to the head of the department of state government responsible for the building.

- The State Fire Marshal and her or his agents may shall conduct performance tests on any electronic fire warning and smoke detection system, and any pressurized air-handling unit, in any state-owned building or state-leased space on a recurring basis as provided in subsection (1). The State Fire Marshal and her or his agents shall also ensure that fire drills are conducted in all high-hazard state-owned buildings or high-hazard state-leased high-hazard occupancies at least annually.
- (3) All construction of any new, or renovation, alteration, or change of occupancy of any existing, state-owned building or state-leased space shall comply with the uniform firesafety standards of the State Fire Marshal.
- (a) For all new construction or renovation, alteration, or change of occupancy of state-leased space, compliance with the uniform firesafety standards shall be determined by reviewing the plans for the proposed construction or occupancy submitted by the lessor to the Division of State Fire Marshal for review and approval prior to commencement of construction or occupancy, which review shall be completed within 10 working days after receipt of the plans by the Division of State Fire Marshal.
- The plans for all construction of any new, or renovation or alteration of any existing, state-owned building are subject to the review and approval of the Division of State Fire Marshal for compliance with the uniform firesafety standards prior to commencement of construction or change of occupancy,

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The Division of State Fire Marshal may inspect stateowned buildings and space and state-leased space as necessary prior to occupancy or during construction, renovation, or alteration to ascertain compliance with the uniform firesafety standards. Whenever the Division of State Fire Marshal determines by virtue of such inspection or by review of plans that construction, renovation, or alteration of state-owned buildings and state-leased space is not in compliance with the uniform firesafety standards, the Division of State Fire Marshal shall issue an order to cease construction, renovation, or alteration, or to preclude occupancy, of a building until compliance is obtained, except for those activities required to achieve such compliance.

Section 13. Section 633.30, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

633.30 Standards for firefighting; definitions. -- As used in this chapter, the term:

"Career firefighter" means a person who is compensated at an hourly or salaried rate and whose work hours are scheduled in advance to maintain a schedule of coverage at a station, facility, or area to function as described in subsection (8) "Firefighter" means any person initially employed as a full-time professional firefighter by any employing agency, as defined herein, whose primary responsibility is the prevention and extinguishment of fires, the protection and saving of life and property, and the enforcement of municipal, county, and state fire prevention codes, as well as of any law pertaining to the prevention and control of fires.

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- (2) "Council" means the Firefighters Employment, Standards, and Training Council "Employing agency" means any municipality or county, the state, or any political subdivision of the state, including authorities and special districts, employing firefighters as defined in subsection (1).
- "Department" means the Department of Financial Services.
- "Division" means the Division of State Fire Marshal of (4) the Department of Financial Services "Council" means the Firefighters Employment, Standards, and Training Council.
- "Employing agency" means any municipality or county, the state, or any political subdivision of the state, including authorities, special districts, or any private entity under contract with such entities "Division" means the Division of State Fire Marshal of the Department of Financial Services.
- (6) "Fire department" means an organization designated by a state political subdivision, such as a county, municipality, or special fire control district, to provide emergency response for the protection of life and property within a specified geographical area.
- (7) "Fire service apprentice" means any high school student who completes a high school course of instruction and examination approved by the department that includes specified components of firefighter I and II certification in accordance with the division's rules. Before the age of 18, a fire service apprentice may function as a fireground resource technician with a recognized fire department. Upon age of 18 and graduation from high school, the fire service apprentice may complete the outstanding components of firefighter I and II certification

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training and become certified at level II in accordance with the division's rules.

- (8) "Firefighter" means any person whose responsibility is the emergency response to fires and other emergencies, the prevention and extinguishment of fires, the protection and saving of life and property, and the enforcement of municipal, county, and state fire prevention codes, as well as of any law pertaining to the prevention and control of fires.
- (9) "Firefighter I" means a person who has successfully completed the firefighter I training program and is certified at level I in accordance with the division's rules. Firefighter I is the minimum level of certification to function as a volunteer firefighter.
- (10) "Firefighter II" means a person who has successfully completed the firefighter II training program and is certified at level II in accordance with the division's rules. Firefighter II is the minimum level of certification to function as a career firefighter as set forth in subsection (2). For purposes of this chapter, a certificate of compliance at level II replaces the previous certificate of compliance required to be a career firefighter. Firefighters currently certified with a certificate of compliance are deemed to be in compliance with the requirements of this chapter and need not become certified as a firefighter II.
- (11) "Fireground resource technician" means a volunteer exterior firefighter or support person who is not qualified by certification to be an interior firefighter but who has completed a course of instruction in accordance with the division's rules. Fireground resource technician is the minimum level of

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Section 14. Section 633.34, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 633.34 Firefighters; qualifications for employment.--
- (1) Any person applying for employment as a firefighter must:
- (a) (1) Be a high school graduate or the equivalent, as the term may be determined by the division, and at least 18 years of age.
- (b) (2) Never have been adjudicated guilty of, or pled quilty or nolo contendere to, any:
- 1. Felony. If an applicant has been convicted of a felony, the applicant is not eligible for certification until the applicant complies with s. 112.011(2)(b); or
- 2. Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or misleading or false statements relating to certification or employment as a firefighter.

If an applicant has been sentenced for any conviction of a felony or a misdemeanor, the applicant is not eligible for certification until 4 years after the expiration of any sentence. If a sentence is suspended or adjudication is withheld and a period of probation is imposed, the applicant must have been released from probation Neither have been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor directly related to the position of employment sought, nor have pled nolo contendere to any charge of a felony. If an applicant has been convicted of a felony, such applicant must be in compliance with s. 112.011(2)(b). If an applicant has been convicted of a misdemeanor directly related to the position

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(c) (3) Pay for and submit fingerprints as directed by the division Submit a fingerprint card to the division with a current processing fee. The fingerprints shall fingerprint card will be forwarded to the Department of Law Enforcement or and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or both, as directed by division rule.

(4) Have a good moral character as determined by investigation under procedure established by the division.

(d)(5) Be in good physical condition as determined by a medical examination given by a physician, surgeon, or physician assistant licensed to practice in the state pursuant to chapter 458; an osteopathic physician, surgeon, or physician assistant licensed to practice in the state pursuant to chapter 459; or an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed to practice in the state pursuant to chapter 464, who are aware of and familiar with the medical requirements for training and certification as stated in department rule. Such examination may include, but need not be limited to, provisions of the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1582. Results of this A medical examination evidencing good physical condition shall be submitted to the division, on a form as provided by rule, before an individual is eligible for admission into a firefighter training program as defined in s. 633.35.

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- (e) (6) Be a nonuser of tobacco or tobacco products for at least 1 year immediately preceding application, as evidenced by the sworn affidavit of the applicant.
- (2) A person who does not hold a fire service apprentice, fireground resource technician, firefighter I, or firefighter II certificate may not respond or engage in hazardous operations, including, but not limited to, interior structural firefighting, hazardous-materials-incident mitigation, and incident command, requiring the knowledge and skills taught in the training programs established in s. 633.35, regardless of volunteer or employment status.

Section 15. Section 633.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

633.35 Firefighter training and certification.--

- (1) The division shall establish by rule $\frac{1}{2}$ firefighter training programs for certification as a fireground resource technician, a fire service apprentice, a firefighter I, and a firefighter II, to be program of not less than 360 hours, administered by such agencies and institutions as approved by the division in accordance with division rules it approves for the purpose of providing basic employment training for firefighters. Nothing herein shall require a public employer to pay the cost of such training.
- The division shall issue certificates a certificate of (2) compliance for certification as a fireground resource technician, a fire service apprentice, a firefighter I, and a firefighter II to any person who has satisfactorily completed complying with the training programs program established in subsection (1), who has successfully passed an examination as prescribed by the division, and who possesses the qualifications specified for employment in

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s. 633.34_{7} except s. 633.34(5). A No person may not be employed as a career regular or permanent firefighter by an employing agency, or by a private entity under contract with the state or any political subdivision of the state, including authorities and special districts, unless certified as a firefighter II, except for an individual hired to be trained and become certified as a firefighter II. An individual hired to be trained and become certified as a firefighter II has a maximum of for a period of time in excess of 1 year from the date of initial employment to obtain the firefighter II until he or she has obtained such certificate of compliance. A person who does not hold a firefighter II certificate of compliance and is employed under this section may not directly engage in hazardous operations, such as interior structural firefighting and hazardous-materialsincident mitigation, requiring the knowledge and skills taught in a training program established in subsection (1), including incident command. However, a person who is certified and has been employed by served as a volunteer firefighter with the state or any political subdivision of the state, including authorities and special districts, who is then employed as a career regular or permanent firefighter may function, during this period, in the same capacity in which he or she acted prior to being employed as a career firefighter as a volunteer firefighter, provided that he or she has completed all training required by the volunteer organization.

The division may issue a certificate of compliance at the firefighter I or firefighter II level to any person who has received basic employment training for firefighters in another state when the division has determined that such training was at least equivalent to that required by the division for approved

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firefighter education and training programs in this state and when such person has satisfactorily complied with all other requirements of this section. The division may also issue a special certificate to a person who is otherwise qualified under this section and who is employed as the administrative and command head of a fire/rescue/emergency services organization, based on the acknowledgment that such person is less likely to need physical dexterity and more likely to need advanced knowledge of firefighting and supervisory skills. The certificate is valid only while the person is serving in a position as an administrative and command head of a fire/rescue/emergency services organization and must be obtained prior to employment in such capacity.

- A person who fails an examination given under this section may retake the examination once within 6 months after the original examination date. An applicant who does not pass retake the examination within such time must repeat or take the applicable training program Minimum Standards Course, pursuant to subsection (1), before being reexamined. The division may establish reasonable preregistration deadlines for such reexaminations.
- (5) Pursuant to s. 590.02(1)(e), the division shall establish a structural fire training program of not less than 40 hours. The division shall issue to any person satisfactorily complying with this training program and who has successfully passed an examination as prescribed by the division and who has met the requirements of s. 590.02(1)(e) a Certificate of Forestry Firefighter.
- A certified forestry firefighter is entitled to the same rights, privileges, and benefits provided for by law as a

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career certified firefighter. For the purposes of this statute, forestry compliance certification is equivalent to firefighter II.

Section 16. Section 633.351, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 633.351 Disciplinary action; firefighters; standards for revocation of certification. --
- (1) The certification of a firefighter shall be revoked if evidence is found that the certification was improperly issued by the division or if evidence is found that the certification was issued on the basis of false, incorrect, incomplete, or misleading information.
- (2) The certification of a firefighter who has been adjudicated guilty of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, any felony, or any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or misleading or false statements relating to the certification or employment as a firefighter, shall be revoked. In the case of a felony, the certification may not be reinstated is convicted of a felony, or who is convicted of a misdemeanor relating to misleading or false statements, or who pleads nolo contendere to any charge of a felony shall be revoked until the firefighter complies with s. 112.011(2)(b). However, if sentence upon such felony or such misdemeanor charge is suspended or adjudication is withheld, the firefighter's revocation of certification shall continue for a period of 4 years after expiration of completion of any probation before the applicant is eligible for recertification be revoked until she or he completes any probation.
- (3) It is a violation of certification for any career firefighter as defined in this chapter, whose initial employment

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date is on or after July 1, 2008, to use tobacco products. An investigation by the local firefighter employer which determines such use, confirmed by legal means such as nicotine or cotinine testing, shall result in the suspension of the firefighter's state certification, requiring suspension or termination of employment. The division shall adopt rules setting forth the criteria for testing, investigation, and notification of the division by the local firefighter employer of violations, actions to be taken by the division, reinstatement of certification with appropriate medical approval and surveillance, and the number of violations allowed before permanent revocation of firefighter certification.

Section 17. Section 633.352, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 633.352 Retention of firefighter certification.--
- (1) Any certified firefighter who has not been active as a firefighter, or as a volunteer firefighter with an organized fire department, for a period of 3 years shall be required to retake and pass the written and practical portions portion of the minimum standards state examination specified in division rules rule 4A-37.056(6)(b), Florida Administrative Code, in order to maintain her or his certification as a firefighter.; however,
- (2) This requirement does not apply to state-certified firefighters who are certified and employed as full-time fire safety inspectors by a fire department employing agency or to instructors regardless of their employment status instructors, as determined by the division.
- The 3-year period begins on the date the firefighter I or firefighter II certificate of compliance is issued, or upon

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termination of service with an organized fire department, or upon expiration of instructor certification.

Section 18. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 633.382, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

633.382 Firefighters; supplemental compensation. --

- (1) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section, the term:
- "Firefighter" means any person who meets the definition of the term "firefighter" in s. 633.30(2) and (10) s. 633.30(1) who is certified in compliance with s. 633.35 and who is employed solely within the fire department of the employing agency or is employed by the division.
 - (2) QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION. --
- (a) In addition to the compensation now paid by an employing agency to a any firefighter II, every career firefighter shall be paid supplemental compensation by the employing agency when such firefighter has complied with one of the following criteria:
- 1. Any firefighter II who receives an associate degree from an accredited a college, which degree is applicable to fire department duties, as outlined in policy guidelines of the division, shall be additionally compensated as outlined in paragraph (3)(a).
- 2. Any firefighter II, regardless of whether or not she or he earned an associate degree earlier, who receives from an accredited college or university a bachelor's degree, which bachelor's degree is applicable to fire department duties, as outlined in policy guidelines of the division, shall receive compensation as outlined in paragraph (3)(b).

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Section 19. Subsection (3) is added to section 633.524, Florida Statutes, to read:

633.524 Certificate and permit fees; use and deposit of collected funds. --

(3) The State Fire Marshal may enter into a contract with any qualified public entity or private company in accordance with chapter 287 to provide examinations for any applicant for any examination administered under the jurisdiction of the State Fire Marshal under this chapter or any other chapter under the jurisdiction of the State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Marshal may have payments from each applicant for each examination made directly to such public entity or private company.

Section 20. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 633.541, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

633.541 Contracting without certificate prohibited; violations; penalty. --

(1) It is unlawful for any organization or individual to engage in the business of, the layout, fabrication, installation, inspection, alteration, repair, or service of a fire protection system, other than a preengineered system, act in the capacity of a fire protection contractor, or advertise itself as being a fire protection contractor without having been duly certified and holding a valid and existing certificate, except as hereinafter provided. The holder of a certificate used to qualify an organization must be a full-time employee of the qualified organization or business. A certificateholder who is employed by more than one fire protection contractor during the same period of time is deemed not to be a full-time employee of either contractor. The State Fire Marshal shall revoke, for a period of time determined by the State Fire Marshal, the certificate of a

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certificateholder who allows the use of the certificate to qualify a company of which the certificateholder is not a fulltime employee. A contractor who maintains more than one place of business must employ a certificateholder at each location. Nothing in This subsection does not prohibit prohibits an employee acting on behalf of governmental entities from inspecting and enforcing firesafety codes, provided such employee is certified under s. 633.081, or an owner of a one or two family dwelling from inspecting or maintaining the fire protection system for his or her own house.

(4) In addition to the penalties provided in subsection (3), a fire protection contractor certified under this chapter who violates any provision of this chapter section or who commits any act constituting cause for disciplinary action is subject to suspension or revocation of the certificate and administrative fines pursuant to s. 633.547.

Section 21. Subsection (4) of section 633.72, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

633.72 Florida Fire Code Advisory Council.--

(4) Each appointee shall serve a 4-year term. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms one term. No member of the council shall be paid a salary as such member, but each shall receive travel and expense reimbursement as provided in s. 112.061.

Section 22. Section 633.811, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

633.811 Firefighter employer penalties. -- If any firefighter employer violates or fails or refuses to comply with ss. 633.801-633.821, or with any rule adopted by the division under such sections in accordance with chapter 120 for the prevention of

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injuries, accidents, or occupational diseases or with any lawful order of the division in connection with ss. 633.801-633.821, or fails or refuses to furnish or adopt any safety device, safeguard, or other means of protection prescribed by division rule under ss. 633.801-633.821 for the prevention of accidents or occupational diseases, the division may issue an administrative cease and desist order, enforceable in the circuit court in the jurisdiction where the violation is occurring or has occurred, and assess an administrative fine against a firefighter employer of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 for each violation and each day of each violation. The administrative penalty assessment shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 120. The division may also assess against the firefighter employer a civil penalty of not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000 for each day the violation, omission, failure, or refusal continues after the firefighter employer has been given written notice of such violation, omission, failure, or refusal. The total penalty for each violation shall not exceed \$50,000. The division shall adopt rules requiring penalties commensurate with the frequency or severity of safety violations. A hearing shall be held in the county in which the violation, omission, failure, or refusal is alleged to have occurred, unless otherwise agreed to by the firefighter employer and authorized by the division. All penalties assessed and collected under this section shall be deposited in the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund.

Section 23. Subsection (3) of section 633.821, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

633.821 Workplace safety.--

With respect to 29 C.F.R. s. 1910.134(q)(4), the two individuals located outside the immediately dangerous to life and

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health atmosphere may be assigned to an additional role, such as incident commander, pumper operator, engineer, or driver, so long as such individual is able to immediately perform assistance or rescue activities without jeopardizing the safety or health of any firefighter working at an incident. Also with respect to 29 C.F.R. s. 1910.134(g)(4):

(a) Each county, municipality, and special district shall implement such provision by April 1, 2002, except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c).

(b) If any county, municipality, or special district is unable to implement such provision by April 1, 2002, without adding additional personnel to its firefighting staff or expending significant additional funds, such county, municipality, or special district shall have an additional 6 months within which to implement such provision. Such county, municipality, or special district shall notify the division that the 6-month extension to implement such provision is in effect in such county, municipality, or special district within 30 days after its decision to extend the time for the additional 6 months. The decision to extend the time for implementation shall be made prior to April 1, 2002.

(c) If, after the extension granted in paragraph (b), the county, municipality, or special district, after having worked with and cooperated fully with the division and the Firefighters Employment, Standards, and Training Council, is still unable to implement such provisions without adding additional personnel to its firefighting staff or expending significant additional funds, such municipality, county, or special district shall be exempt from the requirements of 29 C.F.R. s. 1910.134(q) (4). However, each year thereafter the division shall review each such county,



municipality, or special district to determine if such county, municipality, or special district has the ability to implement such provision without adding additional personnel to its firefighting staff or expending significant additional funds. If the division determines that any county, municipality, or special district has the ability to implement such provision without adding additional personnel to its firefighting staff or expending significant additional funds, the division shall require such county, municipality, or special district to implement such provision. Such requirement by the division under this paragraph constitutes final agency action subject to chapter 120-

Section 24. Subsection (8) of section 1013.12, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

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An act relating to fire prevention and control; creating s. 633.042, F.S.; providing a short title; providing legislative findings and intent; providing definitions; providing cigarette testing methods and performance standards; providing specific testing criteria; requiring manufacturers to provide certain written certification; requiring cigarettes to be marked in specific manners; providing for alternative testing methods under certain circumstances; providing reporting requirements; providing the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco with



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certain powers and responsibilities; providing certification requirements for manufacturers; providing fee; providing for the deposit of certification fees into the Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity and Firefighter Protection Enforcement Trust Fund; providing requirements for the marking of certain cigarette packaging; providing reporting requirements; providing approval requirements for markings submitted to the division by a manufacturer; providing notification requirements; providing fines and penalties; providing for the deposit of penalties into the Fire Prevention and Public Safety Trust Fund; providing the division with rulemaking authority; authorizing certain government entities with inspection powers to examine specified documents of any person in possession, control, or occupancy of any premises where cigarettes are placed, stored, sold, or offered for sale, as well as the stock of cigarettes on the premises; providing that nothing in the act shall be construed to prohibit any person or entity from manufacturing or selling cigarettes that do not meet the specified requirements if such cigarettes are or will be stamped for sale in another state or are packaged for sale outside the United States; providing for repeal upon the enactment of a preemptive federal standard; prohibiting local government units from enacting and enforcing any ordinance or other local law or regulation that conflicts with, or is preempted by, any provision of the act; amending ss. 218.23 and 447.203, F.S.; revising cross-references; amending s. 553.895, F.S.; revising outdated publication references; amending s. 633.02, F.S.; providing the correct name for the State

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1059 authorizing the Division of State Fire Marshal to enter 1060 into a reciprocity agreement with the Florida Building 1061 Code Administrators and Inspectors Board for certain continuing education recertification purposes; amending s. 1062 633.085, F.S.; revising requirements for the State Fire 1063 1064 Marshal to inspect state buildings; amending s. 633.30, F.S.; revising and providing definitions; amending s. 1065 1066 633.34, F.S.; revising requirements for qualification for employment as a firefighter; amending s. 633.35, F.S.; 1067 1068 revising requirements for firefighter training and certification; amending s. 633.351, F.S.; revising 1069 1070 provisions for disciplinary actions for firefighters; 1071 revising standards for revocation of firefighter 1072 certifications; amending s. 633.352, F.S.; revising 1073 requirements for retention of firefighter certification; 1074 amending s. 633.382, F.S.; revising provisions regarding 1075 required supplemental compensation for firefighters; 1076 amending s. 633.524, F.S.; authorizing the State Fire 1077 Marshal to contract to provide certain examinations; 1078 amending s. 633.541, F.S.; expanding an exclusion from application of a prohibition against contracting without 1079 1080 certification for certain homeowners; amending s. 633.72, 1081 F.S.; revising the membership terms of the Fire Code 1082 Advisory Council; amending s. 633.811, F.S.; expanding 1083 authority of the division to enforce provisions of law and 1084 rules applicable to employers; authorizing assessment of administrative fines; amending s. 633.821, F.S.; deleting 1085 1086 certain obsolete provisions requiring counties, 1087 municipalities, and special districts to implement certain 1088 provisions of federal law; repealing s. 1013.12(8), F.S.,



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