

# CHAPTER 98-40

## Senate Bill No. 770

An act relating to firefighter and forestry firefighter training and certification programs (RAB); amending s. 633.35, F.S.; providing for the issuance of a special certificate for administrative and command heads; providing guidelines for certain reexaminations; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 633.35 is amended, present subsections (4) and (5) of that section are renumbered as subsections (5) and (6), respectively, and a new subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

633.35 Firefighter and forestry firefighter training and certification program.—

(3) The division may issue a certificate 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 firefighter education and training programs in this state and when such person has satisfactorily complied with all other requirements of this section part. 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 service organization.

(4) 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 retake the examination within such time must take the Minimum Standards Course, pursuant to s. 633.35(1), before being reexamined. The division may establish reasonable preregistration deadlines for such reexaminations.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

Became a law without the Governor's approval April 30, 1998.

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