

CHAPTER 2005-76

House Bill No. 307

An act relating to physical examinations; amending s. 493.6108, F.S.; authorizing physician assistants or advanced registered nurse practitioners to conduct physical examinations of Class “G” permit applicants; amending s. 633.34, F.S.; authorizing physician assistants or advanced registered nurse practitioners to conduct physical examinations of any person applying for employment as a firefighter; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 493.6108, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

493.6108 Investigation of applicants by Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.—

(2) In addition to subsection (1), the department shall make an investigation of the general physical fitness of the Class “G” applicant to bear a weapon or firearm. Determination of physical fitness shall be certified by a physician or physician assistant currently licensed pursuant to chapter 458, chapter 459, or any similar law of another state or authorized to act as a licensed physician by a federal agency or department or by an advanced registered nurse practitioner currently licensed pursuant to chapter 464. Such certification shall be submitted on a form provided by the department.

Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 633.34, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

633.34 Firefighters; qualifications for employment.—Any person applying for employment as a firefighter must:

(5) Be in good physical condition as determined by a medical examination given by a physician, ~~or surgeon, or physician assistant~~ licensed to practice in the state pursuant to chapter 458; ~~or an osteopathic physician, or 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. Such examination may include, but need not be limited to, provisions of the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1582. 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.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

Approved by the Governor May 26, 2005.

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