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Title XXXVII INSURANCE

Chapter 633 FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

SECTION 412 Firefighters; qualifications for certification.

633.412 Firefighters; qualifications for certification.—A person applying for certification as a firefighter must:

- (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.
- (2) Not have been convicted of a misdemeanor relating to the certification or to perjury or false statements, or 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 or under the law of any other country, or dishonorably discharged from any of the Armed Forces of the United States. "Convicted" means a finding of guilt or the acceptance of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in any federal or state court or a court in any other country, without regard to whether a judgment of conviction has been entered by the court having jurisdiction of the case.
- (3) Submit a set of fingerprints to the division with a current processing fee. The fingerprints will be forwarded to the Department of Law Enforcement for state processing and forwarded by the Department of Law Enforcement to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for national processing.
- (4) Have a good moral character as determined by investigation under procedure established by the division.
- (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 practice registered nurse licensed to practice in the state pursuant to chapter 464. Such examination may include, but need not be limited to, 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 course under s. **633.408**.
- (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.

History.—ss. 8, 17, ch. 69-323; s. 1, ch. 70-110; ss. 1, 6, ch. 75-151; s. 1, ch. 77-116; s. 2, ch. 81-205; s. 10, ch. 84-243; s. 3, ch. 88-209; s. 1, ch. 89-89; s. 23, ch. 89-233; s. 7, ch. 91-189; s. 13, ch. 93-276; s. 2, ch. 2005-76; s. 57, ch. 2013-116; s. 60, ch. 2013-183; s. 24, ch. 2016-132; s. 76, ch. 2018-106.

Note.—Former s. 163.490; s. 633.34.

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Title XII MUNICIPALITIES

Chapter 166 MUNICIPALITIES

SECTION 0442 Criminal history record checks for certain municipal employees and appointees.

166.0442 Criminal history record checks for certain municipal employees and appointees.—

(1) Notwithstanding chapter 435, a municipality may require, by ordinance, state and national criminal history screening for:

- (a) Any position of municipal employment or appointment, whether paid, unpaid, or contractual, which the governing body of the municipality finds is critical to security or public safety;
- (b) Any private contractor, employee of a private contractor, vendor, repair person, or delivery person who is subject to licensing or regulation by the municipality; or
- (c) Any private contractor, employee of a private contractor, vendor, repair person, for-hire chauffeur, or delivery person who has direct contact with individual members of the public or access to any public facility or publicly operated facility in such a manner or to such an extent that the governing body of the municipality finds that preventing unsuitable persons from having such contact or access is critical to security or public safety.

(2) The ordinance must require each person applying for, or continuing employment or appointment in, any such position, applying for initial or continuing licensing or regulation, or having such contact or access to be fingerprinted. The fingerprints shall be submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement for a state criminal history record check and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check. The information obtained from the criminal history record checks conducted pursuant to the ordinance may be used by the municipality to determine a person's eligibility for such employment or appointment and to determine a person's eligibility for continued employment or appointment. This section is not intended to preempt or prevent any other background screening, including, but not limited to, criminal history background checks, that a municipality may lawfully undertake.

History.—s. 2, ch. 2002-169; s. 2, ch. 2013-116.

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CHAPTER 2002-169

Senate Bill No. 954

An act relating to county and municipal employees and contractors; authorizing a county or municipality to require, by ordinance, the screening of an employee, appointee, or applicant for employment or appointment to a position that is critical to security or public safety; authorizing the screening of a contractor, vendor, repair person, or delivery person who has access to public facilities that are critical to security or public safety; requiring that fingerprints of applicants and employees be submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a check of criminal history records; authorizing the county or municipality to use information obtained from a criminal history record check to determine a person's eligibility for employment or appointment; amending s. 112.011, F.S.; permitting denial of employment under certain circumstances by counties and municipalities for positions deemed to be critical to security or public safety; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Criminal history record checks for certain county employees and appointees.—
Notwithstanding chapter 435, Florida Statutes, a county may require, by ordinance, employment screening for any position of county employment or appointment which the governing body of the county finds is critical to security or public safety, or for any private contractor, employee of a private contractor, vendor, repair person, or delivery person who has access to any public facility or publicly operated facility that the governing body of the county finds is critical to security or public safety. The ordinance must require each person applying for, or continuing employment in, any such position or having access to any such facility to be fingerprinted. The fingerprints shall be submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement for a state criminal history record check and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check. The information obtained from the criminal history record checks conducted pursuant to the ordinance may be used by the county to determine an applicant's eligibility for employment or appointment and to determine an employee's eligibility for continued employment. This section is not intended to preempt or prevent any other background screening, including, but not limited to, criminal history record checks, which a county may lawfully undertake.

Section 2. Criminal history record checks for certain municipal employees and appointees.—
Notwithstanding chapter 435, Florida Statutes, a municipality may require, by ordinance, employment screening for any position of municipal employment or appointment which the governing body of the municipality finds is critical to security or public safety, or for any private contractor, employee of a private contractor, vendor, repair person, or delivery person who has access to any public facility or publicly operated facility that the governing body of the municipality finds is critical to security or public safety. The ordinance must require each person applying for, or continuing employment in, any such position or having access to any such facility to be fingerprinted. The fingerprints shall be submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement for a state criminal history record check and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check. The information obtained from the criminal history record checks conducted pursuant to the ordinance may be used by the municipality to determine an applicant's eligibility for employment or appointment and to determine an employee's eligibility for continued employment. This section is not intended to preempt or prevent any other background screening, including, but not limited to, criminal history background checks, that a municipality may lawfully undertake.

Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 112.011, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read, and paragraph (c) is added to subsection (2) of that section, to read:

112.011 Felons; removal of disqualifications for employment, exceptions.—

(1)(a) Except as provided in s. 775.16, a person shall not be disqualified from employment by the state, any of its agencies or political subdivisions, or any municipality solely because of a prior conviction for a crime. However, a person may be denied employment by the state, any of its agencies or political subdivisions, or any municipality by reason of the prior conviction for a crime if the crime was a felony or first degree misdemeanor and directly related to the position of employment sought.

(b) Except as provided in s. 775.16, a person whose civil rights have been restored shall not be disqualified to practice, pursue, or engage in any occupation, trade, vocation, profession, or business for which a license, permit, or certificate is required to be issued by the state, any of its agencies or political subdivisions, or any municipality solely because of a prior conviction for a crime. However, a person whose civil rights have been restored may be denied a license, permit, or certification to pursue, practice, or engage in an occupation, trade, vocation, profession, or business by reason of the prior conviction for a crime if the crime was a felony or first degree misdemeanor and directly related to the specific occupation, trade, vocation, profession, or business for which the license, permit, or certificate is sought.

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(c) This section shall not be applicable to the employment practices of any county or municipality relating to the hiring of personnel for positions deemed to be critical to security or public safety pursuant to ss. 125.580 and 166.0442.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor April 24, 2002.

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