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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to 911 public safety telecommunicator
 3 certifications; amending s. 401.465, F.S.; increasing
 4 the timeframe within which an inactive 911 public
 5 safety telecommunicator certificate may be reactivated
 6 before it permanently expires; deleting a process by
 7 which a certificateholder may voluntarily place his or
 8 her certificate in inactive status; providing
 9 applicability; prohibiting the Department of Health
 10 from requiring certificateholders to pay a fee or to
 11 make an election to place their certificates in
 12 inactive status, beginning on a specified date;
 13 requiring that certain fees paid by a
 14 certificateholder before a specified date be credited
 15 toward any future renewal fees required to be paid by
 16 the certificateholder; providing for retroactive
 17 application; providing an effective date.

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

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 21 Section 1. Paragraphs (f) and (h) of subsection (2) of
 22 section 401.465, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
 23 401.465 911 public safety telecommunicator certification.—
 24 (2) PERSONNEL; STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION.—
 25 (f) A 911 public safety telecommunicator certificate

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26 expires automatically if not renewed at the end of the 2-year
 27 period and may be renewed if the holder meets the qualifications
 28 for renewal as established by the department. A certificate that
 29 is not renewed at the end of the 2-year period automatically
 30 reverts to an inactive status for a period that may not exceed 6
 31 years ~~180 days~~. Such certificate may be reactivated and renewed
 32 within the 6-year ~~180-day~~ period by ~~if~~ the certificateholder
 33 pursuant to paragraph (h). A certificate that has been inactive
 34 for more than 6 years automatically expires and may not be
 35 renewed meets all other qualifications for renewal and pays a
 36 \$50 late fee. Reactivation shall be in a manner and on forms
 37 prescribed by department rule.

38 ~~(h) A certificateholder may request that his or her 911~~
 39 ~~public safety telecommunicator certificate be placed on inactive~~
 40 ~~status by applying to the department before his or her current~~
 41 ~~certification expires and paying a fee set by the department,~~
 42 ~~which may not exceed \$50.~~

43 (h)1. A certificateholder whose certificate has been on
 44 inactive status for 6 years ~~1 year~~ or less may renew his or her
 45 certificate pursuant to the rules adopted by the department and
 46 upon payment of a renewal fee set by the department, which may
 47 not exceed \$50.

48 ~~2. A certificateholder whose certificate has been on~~
 49 ~~inactive status for more than 1 year may renew his or her~~
 50 ~~certificate pursuant to rules adopted by the department.~~

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51 ~~3. A certificate that has been inactive for more than 6~~
 52 ~~years automatically expires and may not be renewed.~~

53 Section 2. (1) The amendments made by this act to s.
 54 401.465(2)(f) and (h), Florida Statutes, apply regardless of
 55 whether the certificateholder voluntarily placed his or her
 56 certificate in inactive status pursuant to former s.
 57 401.465(2)(h), Florida Statutes, or the certificate reverted to
 58 inactive status pursuant to s. 401.465(2)(f), Florida Statutes,
 59 during the 6-year period before the effective date of this act.
 60 Beginning on the effective date of this act, the Department of
 61 Health may not require a certificateholder to pay a fee or to
 62 make an election to place his or her certificate in inactive
 63 status.

64 (2) Any fee paid by a certificateholder to voluntarily
 65 place his or her certificate in inactive status during the 6-
 66 year period before the effective date of this act must be
 67 credited toward any future renewal fee required to be paid by
 68 the certificateholder under s. 401.465(2)(h), Florida Statutes.

69 (3) This act is remedial in nature and applies
 70 retroactively to any public safety telecommunicator certificate
 71 that has expired pursuant to former s. 401.465(2)(f), Florida
 72 Statutes, during the 6-year period before the effective date of
 73 this act.

74 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.