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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill modifies certain licensure requirements for firefighters, establishes a firefighter licensure reciprocity exam based on relevant military experience, and makes technical changes to certain firefighter training and education provisions.

Section

- 1 Terms; chair; compensation.** Removes the requirement that the Board of Firefighter Training and Education elect the board's chair each year.
- 2 Full-time firefighter.** Makes technical changes.
- 3 Licensed firefighter.** Makes technical changes.
- 4 Volunteer firefighter.** Makes technical changes.
- 5 Certain baccalaureate or associate degree holders eligible to take certification examination.** Makes technical changes.
- 6 Licensure requirement.** Removes the grandfather clause established for licensure of full time firefighters.
- 7 Obtaining a firefighter license.** Requires firefighters to complete an application to secure licensure from the board. A license is valid for a three-year period determined by the board.
- 8 License renewal; expiration and reinstatement.** Modifies license renewal and reinstatement requirements and procedures.
- 9 Duties of chief firefighting officer.** Modifies duties of chief firefighting officers in regards to ensuring licensure of their firefighters.

Section

- 10** **Revocation; suspension; denial.** Expands grounds for which the board may revoke, suspend, or deny a license. Requires notice of criminal convictions be provided to the board.
- 11** **Eligibility for reciprocity examination based on relevant military experience.**
Establishes a reciprocity exam based on relevant military experience. Provides that a person is eligible to take the reciprocity examination if he or she has relevant military experience and has been honorably discharged or is currently in active service.
- 12** **Repealer.** Repeals section 299N.05, subdivision 3, which provides for licensure of firefighters appointed prior to July 1, 2011.