The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 58-a of the civil service law, as amended by section 1 of part A of chapter 101 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

6. The provisions of this section shall [not] apply to appointments made by any county, city, except cities with a population of one million or more, town, village or fire district [which employs five or fewer firefighters].

$ 2. Section 58-a of the civil service law is amended by adding a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

7. Notwithstanding any other provision of this law or any general, special or local law to the contrary, no person shall be eligible for provisional or permanent appointment as a fire chief other than those chiefs employed by a fire department of cities with a population of one million or more unless he or she shall:

(a) satisfy the basic requirements for education, health and physical fitness established by the state fire administrator pursuant to section one hundred fifty-eight of the executive law; and

(b) has successfully completed training and education courses of minimum contact hour criteria approved by the state fire administrator and received certification for supervisory level 1 or higher pursuant to 19 NYCRR 427.9.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law and shall apply to any appointment as a fire chief established on or after such date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.