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for

House Bill 2760

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1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17C-1-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to permitting firefighters to drive ambulances when both attendants are needed to
3 administer patient care.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. WORDS AND PHRASES DEFINED.

§17C-1-6. Authorized emergency vehicle.

1 "Authorized emergency vehicle" means vehicles of a fire department, duly chartered
2 rescue squad, police department, ambulance service, hospital police department, state, county,
3 or municipal agency, and such privately owned ambulances, tow trucks, wreckers, flag car
4 services, vehicles providing road service to disabled vehicles, service vehicles of a public service
5 corporation, postal service vehicles, snow removal equipment, Class A vehicles of firefighters,
6 Class A vehicles of members of ambulance services, Class A vehicles of members of duly
7 chartered rescue squads, emergency management and operations vehicles operated by airports
8 and designated pursuant to §17C-15-26 of this code, and all other emergency vehicles as are
9 designated by the agency responsible for the operation and control of these persons or
10 organizations. Class A vehicles are as defined by §17A-10-1 of this code. Agency authorization
11 and emergency equipment are provided in §17C-15-26 of this code. Agencies responsible for
12 issuing authorization for emergency vehicle permits may promulgate such regulations that are
13 necessary for the issuance of permits for emergency vehicles. In the event that emergency
14 medical technicians ("EMTs") or paramedics on the scene of an emergency are both unable to
15 drive an ambulance in the course of administering patient care, firefighters on the scene shall be
16 permitted to drive an ambulance with granted permission by the Emergency Medical Service
17 Agency: *Provided*, That the firefighter has completed an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course
18 ("EVOOC") otherwise required by this code or legislative rule promulgated thereunder.