

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

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**Introduced**

## **Senate Bill 592**

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to the Committee on Government Organization]



1 A BILL to amend and reenact §8-15-20a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to special examination for firefighter paramedic by adding the examination of advance  
3 care technician.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 15. FIRE FIGHTING; FIRE COMPANIES AND DEPARTMENTS; CIVIL  
SERVICE FOR PAID FIRE DEPARTMENTS.**

**§8-15-20a. Special examination for firefighter paramedic and advance care technician.**

1 (a) A municipality with a firefighter's civil service commission providing an advanced life  
2 support ambulance service licensed by the State Health Department may also administer a  
3 special ~~examination~~ examinations for the ~~position~~ positions of firefighter paramedic and advance  
4 care technician.

5 (b) An applicant for the position of firefighter paramedic shall: (1) Be a certified paramedic;  
6 (2) successfully pass the firefighter paramedic examination; and (3) meet the requirements of  
7 section seventeen of this article.

8 (c) An applicant for the position of advance care technician shall: (1) Be a certified advance  
9 care technician; (2) successfully pass the advance care technician examination; and (3) meet the  
10 requirements of §8-15-17 of this code.

11 ~~(e)~~ (d) Any person employed as a firefighter paramedic or advance care technician under  
12 the provisions of this section shall: (1) Maintain paramedic or advance care technician  
13 certification; (2) complete all required fire service training; and (3) comply with all other provisions  
14 of this article applicable to the continued employment of firefighters.

15 ~~(d)~~ (e) Every position of firefighter paramedic or advance care technician, unless filled by  
16 promotion, reinstatement, reduction or a current firefighter, shall be filled only in the manner  
17 specified in §8-15-20 of this code.

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NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to add provisions for the testing of applicants for the position of advance care technician for those municipalities which provide an advance life support ambulance service.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.