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Senate Bill 574

By Senator Hamilton

[Introduced March 5, 2021; referred  
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-3-14, relating to prioritizing county and municipal officials to receive the COVID-19 vaccine if they so desire.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 3. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

§16-3-14. Priority of COVID-19 vaccination for county and municipal officials; effective date.

(a) *Priority of COVID-19 vaccination.* - All employees of county or municipal offices in West Virginia who desire to have the COVID-19 vaccine shall have priority relating to the COVID-19 vaccine distribution schedule. The decision to take the vaccine for these employees shall be optional at the discretion of the employee, not mandatory.

(b) *Effective date*. – The provisions of this section shall be effective upon passage.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prioritize county and municipal officials to receive the COVID-19 vaccine if they so desire.

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