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House Bill 3056

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Committee on Fire Departments and Emergency

Medical Services then Technology and Infrastructure]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17C-1-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to modifying EMS agency vehicle inspections from occurring every year to occurring every
 3 other year.

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, or
 3 municipal agency, and such privately owned ambulances, tow trucks, wreckers, flag car services,
 4 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 addition to the rules promulgated
 14 for emergency medical services ("EMS") under this section, all EMS agency vehicle inspections
 15 shall be conducted every other year, rather than yearly. The inspection fee shall be equivalent to
 16 two times the yearly inspection fee, to avoid any revenue loss for the Office of Emergency Medical
 17 Services.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to change EMS agency vehicle inspections from every year to every other year.

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