

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2023 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2760**

By Delegates Ross, Dillon, Burkhammer, A. Hall and

Riley

[Introduced January 18, 2023; Referred to the Committee

on Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services

then Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17C-1-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to  
 2 permitting firefighters to drive ambulances when both attendants are needed to administer  
 3 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, 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 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 without obtaining Emergency Vehicle Operations Certification  
 17 ("EVOC") otherwise required by this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit firefighters to drive ambulances at the scene of an emergency in limited circumstances.

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