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2023 REGULAR SESSION

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Committee Substitute

for

House Bill 2760

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[Passed March 11, 2023; in effect ninety days from passage.]

1 AN ACT 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 unable to drive
15 an ambulance in the course of administering patient care, firefighters on the scene shall be
16 permitted to drive an ambulance: *Provided*, That the fire department with which the firefighters
17 are associated or members and the emergency medical services provider that owns the
18 ambulance have previously entered into a memorandum of understanding or other agreement
19 authorizing such action and the firefighter driving the ambulance has completed an Emergency

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20 Vehicle Operations Course ("EVOC") otherwise required by this code or legislative rule
21 promulgated thereunder.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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Clerk of the Senate

Originated in the House of Delegates.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Day of, 2023.

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Governor