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House Bill 2829

By Delegates Walker, Pushkin, Hansen, Rowe, Hornbuckle, and Williams

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-60-16, relating to providing a permanent pay raise for emergency medical technicians ('EMTs').

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 60. RECOGNITION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL LICENSURE INTERSTATE COMPACT.

§16-60-16. Pay raise for emergency medical technicians effective July 1, 2023.

(a) Legislative findings. – Many of the emergency medical technicians ("EMTs") in West Virginia are paid at or below acceptable standards. These jobs of EMTs are tireless and require the support of the Legislature to ensure West Virginia citizens continue to want to be involved in this area of employment. For these reasons, there should be a pay increase for those employed in this field.

(b) Beginning on July 1, 2023, every EMT in the State of West Virginia shall receive an annual salary increase of 10 percent of the average salary of all EMTs in West Virginia. This increase is permanent. The salary increase provided in subsection (a) of this section is in addition to any across-the-board, cost-of-living or percentage salary increase which may be granted in any fiscal year by the Legislature.

(c) This section shall become effective July 1, 2023.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a permanent salary increase for emergency medical technicians.

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