

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2023 REGULAR SESSION**

### **Introduced**

## **House Bill 2829**

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

[Introduced January 19, 2023; Referred to the Committee on Fire Departments and  
Emergency Medical Services then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
2 designated §16-60-16, relating to providing a permanent pay raise for emergency medical  
3 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.**

1 (a) Legislative findings. – Many of the emergency medical technicians ("EMTs") in West  
2 Virginia are paid at or below acceptable standards. These jobs of EMTs are tireless and require the  
3 support of the Legislature to ensure West Virginia citizens continue to want to be involved in this  
4 area of employment. For these reasons, there should be a pay increase for those employed in this  
5 field.  
6 (b) Beginning on July 1, 2023, every EMT in the State of West Virginia shall receive an  
7 annual salary increase of 10 percent of the average salary of all EMTs in West Virginia. This  
8 increase is permanent. The salary increase provided in subsection (a) of this section is in addition  
9 to any across-the-board, cost-of-living or percentage salary increase which may be granted in any  
10 fiscal year by the Legislature.  
11 (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.