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House Bill 2786

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-21-12o, relating to allowing a personal income tax exemption for first responders.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

Article 21. Personal income tax.

§11-21-12o. Salaries of first responders, correctional officers, etc. exempt.

Salaries received by first responders are exempt from the tax imposed by this article. First responders include:

(1) Law-enforcement officers, as defined in §30-29-1;

(2) Firefighters, who are members of paid fire departments, as provided for in §8-15-1 *et seq.*;

(3) Correctional officers, as provided for in §15A-3-10; and

(4) Emergency medical services personnel as provided for in §16-4C-1 *et seq*.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to exempt, from state income tax, salaries of law- enforcement officers, firefighters, EMS workers, and correctional officers.

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