

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 5564**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

By Delegate Phillips

[Introduced February 16, 2026; referred to the  
Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §7-14-17a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
 2 to deputy sheriffs' vacation time; increasing the amount of accrued vacation time that can  
 3 be carried forward from one calendar year to the next from 30 days to 60 days.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 14. CIVIL SERVICE FOR DEPUTY SHERIFFS.**

**§7-14-17a. Vacations for deputy sheriffs.**

1 The county commission of each county shall allow the sheriff's deputies in its employ,  
 2 vacation time accrued in the following manner: For deputies with less than five years of service,  
 3 vacation time shall be accrued at the rate of one and one-quarter days for each calendar month of  
 4 service; for deputies with five to ten years of service, vacation time shall be accrued at the rate of  
 5 one and one-half days for each calendar month of service; for deputies with ten to fifteen years of  
 6 service, vacation time shall be accrued at the rate of one and three-quarter days for each calendar  
 7 month of service; for deputies with fifteen or more years of service, vacation time shall be accrued  
 8 at the rate of two days for each calendar month of service.

9 Each deputy sheriff shall only receive vacation time for each month in which he or she shall  
 10 have worked one hour more than one half the normal working hours in a given month as  
 11 prescribed by the sheriff.

12 No more than ~~thirty~~ 60 days of accrued vacation time may be carried forward from one  
 13 calendar year to the next.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to increase the amount of accrued vacation time that a deputy sheriff can carry forward from one calendar year to the next from 30 days to 60 days.

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