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(By Delegates Webster, Brown, Walters, Amores, Caputo and Smirl)



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AN ACT to amend article fifteen, chapter eight of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty-a, relating to civil service for municipal firefighters generally; allowing certain municipalities providing advanced life support ambulance services to examine, train and employ firefighter paramedics; and requiring firefighter paramedics to maintain a paramedic license and complete all required fire service training.

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

That article fifteen, chapter eight of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty-a, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 15. FIRE FIGHTING; FIRE COMPANIES AND DEPARTMENTS;  
CIVIL SERVICE FOR PAID FIRE DEPARTMENTS.**

**§8-15-20a. Special examination for firefighter paramedic.**

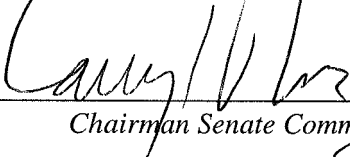
1 (a) A municipality with a firefighter's civil service commis-  
2 sion providing an advanced life support ambulance service  
3 licensed by the state health department may also administer a  
4 special examination for the position of firefighter paramedic.

5 (b) An applicant for the position of firefighter paramedic  
6 shall: (1) Be a certified paramedic; (2) successfully pass the  
7 firefighter paramedic examination; and (3) meet the require-  
8 ments of section seventeen of this article.

9 (c) Any person employed as a firefighter paramedic under  
10 the provisions of this section shall: (1) Maintain paramedic  
11 certification; (2) complete all required fire service training; and  
12 (3) comply with all other provisions of this article applicable to  
13 the continued employment of firefighters.

14 (d) Every position of firefighter paramedic, unless filled by  
15 promotion, reinstatement, reduction or a current firefighter,  
16 shall be filled only in the manner specified in section twenty of  
17 this article.

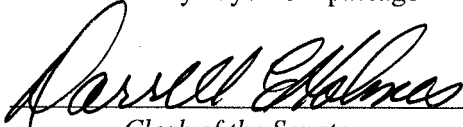
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

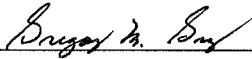
  
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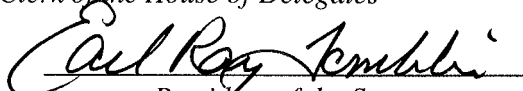
  
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Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 21st  
day of March 2003.

  
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