

1 General as firefighters and security guards: *Provided*, That any
2 person employed as a firefighter on the effective date of this
3 section who is not a member of the West Virginia Air National Guard
4 may continue to be employed as a firefighter: *Provided, however*,
5 That no person who is not employed on the effective date of this
6 section as a firefighter and who is not a member of the West
7 Virginia Air National Guard may be employed as a firefighter for
8 the West Virginia Air National Guard.

9 (b) Any firefighter employed by the West Virginia Air National
10 Guard who, after six years of military service with the West
11 Virginia Air National Guard, chooses not to reenlist may continue
12 his or her duties as a civilian firefighter under the authority of
13 the West Virginia Air National Guard. Any such military
14 firefighter transferring to civilian firefighter status shall
15 retain his or her rank, salary and benefits and shall be afforded
16 all of the rights and privileges commensurate with that status.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow West Virginia National Guard firefighters to become civilian firefighters for the West Virginia Air National Guard.

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