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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections two and three, article two, chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as last amended by chapter sixty-four, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven, relating to the appointment of an inspector, other commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers, troopers and civilian employees; and to the forming of companies or platoons, training of members of the department of public safety and other police officers and to salaries and bonds of members.

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

That sections two and three, article two, chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as last amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 2. *Appointment of Inspector, other Commis-*

2 *sioned Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Troopers and*  
3 *Civilian Employees.*—The superintendent shall appoint,  
4 from the enlisted membership of the department, an in-  
5 spector with the rank of major who shall be next in  
6 authority to the superintendent, and for the purpose of  
7 operating and maintaining the executive offices, training  
8 school, scientific laboratory, keeping records relating to  
9 crimes, criminals and motor vehicle accidents, maintain-  
10 ing a system of supplies and accounting and carrying on  
11 other necessary services he shall appoint not more than  
12 two captains, one lieutenant, two master sergeants, two  
13 master technical sergeants, two technical sergeants, four  
14 sergeants, seven corporals and ten troopers. Technicians  
15 from the ranks of sergeant, corporal and trooper may be  
16 appointed and designated by the superintendent. He  
17 shall appoint such civilian employees as may be neces-  
18 sary whose salaries shall be fixed by the board of public  
19 works.

20 The inspector, captains, lieutenants, master sergeants,  
21 master technical sergeants, technical sergeants, sergeants  
22 and sergeant technicians, corporals and corporals tech-

23 nicians, troopers and trooper technicians shall be enrolled  
24 and enlisted as members of the department of public  
25 safety and shall be entitled to wear the insignia of rank  
26 as is provided by law or authorized by department regu-  
27 lations.

Section 3. *Companies and Platoons and How Consti-*  
2 *tuted; Training of Members and Other Peace Officers;*  
3 *Salaries and Bonds of Members.*—The superintendent  
4 shall create, appoint and equip a department of public  
5 safety which shall, in addition to the personnel provided  
6 for in section two of this article, consist of four com-  
7 panies or platoons. Each company or platoon shall be  
8 composed of one captain, one lieutenant, one first ser-  
9 geant, five sergeants, ten corporals and such number of  
10 troopers as the superintendent may decide best, but such  
11 number of troopers in any company or platoon shall not  
12 at any time be less than twenty-five nor more than sixty-  
13 five.

14 The superintendent shall provide adequate facilities  
15 for the training of all members of the department and  
16 shall prescribe a basic training course for newly en-

17 listed members. He shall also provide advanced or in  
18 service training from time to time for all members of  
19 the department. The superintendent may, in his discretion, hold training classes for other peace officers in  
20 the state without cost to such officers, except actual expenses for food, lodging and school supplies.

23 Members of the department shall receive salaries, as  
24 follows:

25 The inspector shall receive an annual salary of four  
26 thousand three hundred twenty dollars; captains shall  
27 receive an annual salary of three thousand five hundred  
28 forty dollars; lieutenants shall each receive an annual  
29 salary of three thousand two hundred forty dollars; the  
30 master sergeants, master technical sergeants and first  
31 sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of two  
32 thousand eight hundred eighty dollars; technical sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of two thousand eight hundred twenty dollars; sergeants and sergeant technicians shall each receive an annual salary  
36 of two thousand seven hundred dollars; corporals and  
37 corporal technicians shall each receive an annual salary

38 of two thousand five hundred eighty dollars; and each  
39 newly enlisted trooper shall receive a salary of one  
40 hundred twenty-five dollars monthly during the period  
41 of his basic training and upon the satisfactory comple-  
42 tion of such training and assignment to active duty each  
43 such trooper shall receive, during the remainder of his  
44 first year's service, a salary of one hundred seventy-five  
45 dollars monthly. During the second year of his service  
46 in the department each trooper shall receive an annual  
47 salary of two thousand two hundred twenty dollars;  
48 during the third year of his service each trooper shall  
49 receive an annual salary of two thousand three hundred  
50 forty dollars; and during the fourth year of his service  
51 and thereafter as long as he shall remain at the grade  
52 of trooper, each trooper shall receive an annual salary  
53 of two thousand four hundred sixty dollars.

54 In applying the foregoing salary schedule where salary  
55 increases are provided for continuous service, members  
56 of the department in service at the time this article be-  
57 comes effective shall be given credit for prior service  
58 and shall be paid such salaries as the same length of

59 service will entitle them to receive under the provisions  
60 hereof.

61 Each members of the department of public safety,  
62 except the superintendent and civilian employees, shall,  
63 before entering upon the discharge of his duties, exe-  
64 cute a bond with security in the sum of three thousand  
65 five hundred dollars payable to the state of West Vir-  
66 ginia, conditioned for the faithful performances of his  
67 duties as such, and such bond shall be approved as to  
68 form by the attorney general, and as to sufficiency by  
69 the board of public works and the same shall be filed  
70 with the secretary of state and preserved in his office.

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

Joseph L. McKinn  
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

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The within APPROVED this the 18TH

day of MARCH, 1949.

Chas. L. Patton  
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of West Virginia

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