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(By Mr. Speaker, M. Singleton)



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AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article two, chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to companies and platoons and how constituted; training of members and other peace officers; and salaries and bonds of members of the department of public safety.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Section 3. *Companies and Platoons and how Constituted; Training of Members and other Peace Officers; Salaries and Bonds of Members.*—The superintendent shall create, appoint and equip a department of public safety, which shall, in addition to the personnel provided for in

6 section two of this article, consist of four companies or
7 platoons. Each company or platoon shall be composed of
8 one captain, one lieutenant, one first sergeant, five serge-
9 ants, ten corporals and such number of troopers as the
10 superintendent may decide best, but such number of
11 troopers in any company or platoon shall not at any time
12 be less than twenty-five nor more than sixty-five.

13 The superintendent shall provide adequate facilities
14 for the training of all members of the department and
15 shall prescribe a basic training course for newly enlisted
16 members. He shall also provide advanced or in service
17 training from time to time for all members of the depart-
18 ment. The superintendent may, in his discretion hold
19 training classes for other peace officers in the state without
20 cost to such officers, except actual expenses for food, lodg-
21 ing and school supplies.

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

24 The inspector shall receive an annual salary of six
25 thousand one hundred twenty dollars; captains shall each
26 receive an annual salary of five thousand three hundred

27 forty dollars; lieutenants shall each receive an annual
28 salary of five thousand forty dollars; the master sergeants
29 and first sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of
30 four thousand six hundred eighty dollars; sergeants shall
31 each receive an annual salary of four thousand five hun-
32 dred dollars; corporals shall each receive an annual salary
33 of four thousand three hundred eighty dollars; and each
34 newly enlisted trooper shall receive a salary of two hun-
35 dred seventy five dollars during the period of his basic
36 training, and upon the satisfactory completion of such
37 training and assignment to active duty each such trooper
38 shall receive, during the remainder of his first year's serv-
39 ice, a salary of three hundred twenty five dollars monthly.
40 During the second year of his service in the department
41 each trooper shall receive an annual salary of four thou-
42 sand twenty dollars; during the third year of his service
43 each trooper shall receive an annual salary of four thou-
44 sand one hundred forty dollars; and during the fourth and
45 fifth years of his service each trooper shall receive an annu-
46 al salary of four thousand two hundred sixty dollars. Each
47 member of the department entitled thereto by the provi-

48 sions hereof shall receive an increase in salary over that
49 hereinbefore set forth in this section, for grade and rank,
50 based on length of service, including that heretofore and
51 hereafter served, with the department, as follows: For
52 each five-year period of service with the department from
53 the date of first enlistment, each member of the depart-
54 ment shall receive a salary increase of one hundred twen-
55 ty dollars per year to be effective during his next five
56 years of service, which increases shall be successive and
57 cumulative until a total of five such increases shall be re-
58 ceived.

59 In applying the foregoing salary schedule where salary
60 increases are provided for length of service, members of
61 the department in service at the time this article becomes
62 effective shall be given credit for prior service and shall
63 be paid such salaries as the same length of service will
64 entitle them to receive under the provisions hereof.

65 Each member of the department of public safety, ex-
66 cept the superintendent and civilian employees, shall be-
67 fore entering upon the discharge of his duties, execute a
68 bond with security in the sum of three thousand five hun-

69 dred dollars payable to the state of West Virginia condi-
70 tioned for the faithful performance of his duties as such,
71 and such bond shall be approved as to form by the attor-
72 ney general, and as to sufficiency by the board of public
73 works, and the same shall be filed with the secretary of
74 state and preserved in his office.

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

Samuel Davis, Jr.
Chairman Senate Committee

Wm. H. H. Hatcher
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1st, 1961 passage.

John Samuel Myers
Clerk of the Senate

C. G. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Howard W. Carson
President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 17th
day of March, 1961.

Wm. R. Baum
Governor



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