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*Committee Substitute for*  
HOUSE BILL No. 998

(By Mr. *Shaffer & Mrs. Louse*)

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**H. B. 998**

(By MR. SHAFFER and MRS. SMIRL)

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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 the organization of the companies and platoons of the department of public safety; training; salaries and bonds of members.

*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:

**ARTICLE 2. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

**§15-2-3. Companies and platoons; how constituted; training of members and other peace officers; salaries and bonds of members.**

1     The superintendent shall create, appoint and equip a de-  
2     partment of public safety, which shall, in addition to the  
3     personnel provided for in section two of this article, consist of  
4     four companies or platoons. They shall be designated as com-  
5     panies "A," "B," "C" and "D". Each company or platoon  
6     shall be composed of one captain, one lieutenant, one first  
7     sergeant, seven sergeants, not more than seventeen corporals  
8     and such number of troopers and troopers first class as the

9 superintendent may decide best, but such number of troopers  
10 and troopers first class in any company or platoon shall not  
11 at any time be less than twenty-five.

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

20 Members of the department shall receive salaries, as follows:

21 The inspector shall receive an annual salary of fourteen thou-  
22 sand three hundred four dollars; the major shall receive an an-  
23 nual salary of twelve thousand nine hundred thirty-one dollars;  
24 captains shall each receive an annual salary of eleven thousand  
25 six hundred sixty-four dollars; lieutenants shall each receive  
26 an annual salary of eleven thousand fifty-seven dollars; the  
27 master sergeants and first sergeants shall each receive an  
28 annual salary of ten thousand three hundred eighty-four  
29 dollars; sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of ten  
30 thousand eighty dollars; corporals shall each receive an an-  
31 nual salary of nine thousand six hundred seventy-one dol-  
32 lars, troopers first class shall receive an annual salary of nine  
33 thousand three hundred eighty dollars; and each newly enlisted  
34 trooper shall receive a salary of six hundred fifty-seven dol-  
35 lars during the period of his basic training, and upon the  
36 satisfactory completion of such training and assignment to  
37 active duty each trooper shall receive, during the remainder of  
38 his first year's service a salary of seven hundred twenty-eight  
39 dollars monthly. During the second year of his service in the  
40 department each trooper shall receive an annual salary of eight  
41 thousand nine hundred five dollars; during the third year  
42 of his service each trooper shall receive an annual salary  
43 of nine thousand seventy-seven dollars; and during the  
44 fourth and fifth years of his service and for each year  
45 thereafter each trooper shall receive an annual salary of  
46 nine thousand two hundred thirty-five dollars. Each mem-  
47 ber of the department entitled thereto by the provisions here-

48 of shall receive an increase in salary over that hereinbefore  
49 set forth in this section, for grade and rank, based on length of  
50 service, including that heretobefore and hereafter served, with  
51 the department, as follows: At the end of five years of service  
52 with the department, such member of the department shall  
53 receive a salary increase of three hundred dollars per year  
54 to be effective during his next three years of service and like  
55 increases at three-year intervals thereafter, until a total of six  
56 such increases shall be received and such increases shall be  
57 cumulative.

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

64 Each member of the department of public safety, except the  
65 superintendent and civilian employees, shall, before entering  
66 upon the discharge of his duties, execute a bond with security  
67 in the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars payable to the  
68 state of West Virginia, conditioned for the faithful performance  
69 of his duties as such, and such bond shall be approved as to  
70 form by the attorney general, and as to sufficiency by the  
71 governor, and the same shall be filed with the secretary of state  
72 and preserved in his office.

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

H. Darrel Darby  
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence B. Johnston Jr.  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Howard Watson  
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

H. T. Brotherton Jr.  
President of the Senate

Louis J. W. Thomas  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 26th  
day of March, 1974.

Arch A. Phares Jr.  
Governor



PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

Date 3/21/74  
Time 10:30 a.m.