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*Committee Substitute for*

HOUSE BILL No. 799

(By Mr. Binsmore and Mrs. Neal)

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PASSED March 9, 1975

In Effect July 1, 1975 Passage



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**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**  
**FOR**  
**H. B. 799**  
**(By MR. DINSMORE and MRS. NEAL)**

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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 public safety; department of public safety; and increasing the salaries of employees of such department.

*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  
2 department of public safety, which shall, in addition to the  
3 personnel provided for in section two of this article, consist  
4 of four companies or platoons. They shall be designated as  
5 companies "A," "B," "C" and "D." Each company or  
6 platoon shall be composed of one captain, one lieutenant,  
7 one first sergeant, seven sergeants, not more than seventeen  
8 corporals and such number of troopers and troopers first

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

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

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

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

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

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

66 Each member of the department of public safety, except  
67 the superintendent and civilian employees, shall, before enter-  
68 ing upon the discharge of his duties, execute a bond with  
69 security in the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars  
70 payable to the state of West Virginia, conditioned for the  
71 faithful performance of his duties as such, and such bond  
72 shall be approved as to form by the attorney general, and as  
73 to sufficiency by the governor, and the same shall be filed  
74 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.

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence L. Chuston Jr  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1975.

J. McEllen Jr  
Clerk of the Senate

A. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. B. McHenry  
President of the Senate

Lewis R. R. Thomas  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 25th  
March day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1975.

Ark. A. Thayer Jr.  
Governor



PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

Date 3/20/75

Time 4:30 P.M.