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# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1991

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# ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 2544

(By Mr. Del. Damron + Beach )

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Passed March 7, 1991

In Effect From Passage

**ENROLLED**  
**H. B. 2544**

(By DELEGATES DAMRON AND BEACH)

[Passed March 7, 1991; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article four, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to full-time investigators of crime.

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

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

**ARTICLE 4. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, REWARDS AND LEGAL ADVICE.**

**§7-4-2. Rewards for apprehension of persons charged with crime and expenditure of money for detection of crime; appointment of investigators of crime.**

1       The prosecuting attorney of any county, with the  
2       approval of the county commission, or of the governor,  
3       or of the court of the county vested with authority to try  
4       criminal offenses, or of the judge thereof in vacation,  
5       may, within his discretion, offer rewards for the  
6       apprehension of persons charged with crime, or may  
7       expend money for the detection of crime. Any money  
8       expended under this section shall, when approved by the  
9       prosecuting attorney, be paid out of the county fund, in  
10      the same manner as other county expenses are paid:  
11      *Provided, That the prosecuting attorneys of the several*

12 counties of the state may, with the approval of the  
13 county commissions of their respective counties, entered  
14 of record, appoint to assist them in the discharge of their  
15 official duties, trained and qualified full-time or part-  
16 time investigators of crime. Such full-time investigators  
17 shall accept no other public employment or employment  
18 in a private police or investigative capacity during the  
19 term of their appointment and shall be paid such salary  
20 and expenses as may be fixed by the county commission.  
21 Such expenses shall be itemized and sworn to by the  
22 investigator upon presentation to the county  
23 commission.

24 Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to  
25 the contrary, the prosecuting attorney of any county,  
26 with the consent of the judge of the court of competent  
27 jurisdiction and the county commission, may appoint an  
28 investigator of crime who need not be a resident of this  
29 state.

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

*Homer Beck*  
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Chairman Senate Committee

*Ernest C. Moore*  
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Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

*Darrell E. Holmes*  
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Clerk of the Senate

*Donald G. Kopp*  
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Walter Bennett*  
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President of the Senate

*Bob Cull*  
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Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved ..... this the *27<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *March*, 1991.

*Yaston Caperton*  
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Governor

PRESENTED TO THE

GOVERNOR

Date 3/18/91

Time 9:50 am