

# **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §15-1F-7**

## **§15-1F-7. Unlawful military organizations.**

(a) It is unlawful for any body of individuals other than the regularly organized National Guard or the troops of the United States, to associate themselves together as a military company or organization in this state.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the Governor may grant permission to public or private schools of the state to organize themselves into companies of cadets, and may furnish the cadets, under proper restrictions, obsolete ordnance stores and equipment owned by the state that are not in use by the National Guard.

(c) It is not a violation of this section for a group of individuals to associate as a military company or organization for historical, artistic or fictional performances; or, for an individual or group of individuals to drill, perform or parade at public ceremonies, including funerals.

(d) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section, or belongs to or parades with a body of individuals with arms violating subsection (a) of this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$100 or confined in jail for not more than six months.