ENROLLED BILL

House Bill No. 283.

(By Mr. Barnhart)

Passed March 6, 1931

In Effect Ninety days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and re-enact section six, article seven, chapter sixty-one of the official code, relating to the carrying of revolvers, pistols or other dangerous or deadly weapons of like kind or character by special officers and posses, and the liability of such officers and posses using such weapons.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section six of article seven of chapter sixty-one of the official code, relating to the carrying of revolvers, pistols or other dangerous or deadly weapons of like kind or character by special officers and posses, and the liability of such officers and posses using such weapons, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Section 6. In case of riot a sheriff may authorize a deputy or 2 posse to carry revolvers, pistols or other dangerous or deadly 3 weapons of like kind or character, upon filing with the clerk of
4 the county court the reasons and causes for such authority and
5 the name or names of the persons so authorized, and the same
6 shall always be open to public inspection. Such authority shall
7 authorize such deputies and posses to carry weapons in good
8 faith and only for the specific purposes and times named in such
9 authority, and upon the trial of any indictment for carrying
10 such weapon or weapons, the jury shall inquire into the good
11 faith of the person attempting to defend such indictment under
12 the authority granted by such sheriff. Any person or persons
13 so authorized to carry such weapon or weapons shall be per-
14 sonally liable for the injury caused to any person by the negli-
15 gent or unlawful use thereof.
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Chairman Senate Committee.
Chairman House Committee.

J. Alfred Taylor
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

P. H. Kidd
Clerk of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.

M. S. Holzer
Clerk of the Senate

The within is approved this 11th day of March 1931.

Governor.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia MAR 12 1931
GEORGE W. STARP, Secretary of State.