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Senate Bill No. 153

(By Mr. Swith)

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(S. B. No. 153)

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AN ACT to amend and re-enact 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 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 Jareh B, Domittee. P

follows:

Section 6. In case of riot, public danger or emergency, a 2 sheriff may authorize a deputy or posse to carry revolvers, pis-3 tols or other dangerous or deadly weapons of like kind or char-4 acter, upon filing with the clerk of the county court the reasons 5 and causes for such authority and the name or names of the 6 persons so authorized, and the same shall always be open to 7 public inspection. Such authority shall authorize such depu-8 ties and posses to carry weapons in good faith and only for the 9 specific purposes and times named in such authority, and upon 10 the trial of any indictment for carrying such weapon or weap-11 ons, the jury shall inquire into the good faith of the person 12 attempting to defend such indictment under the authority 13 granted by such sheriff. Any person or persons so authorized 14 to carry such weapon or weapons shall be personally liable for 15 the injury caused to any person by the negligent or unlawful 16 use thereof.

This bill is identical with House Bill #283 approved March 11, 1931, except there is inserted in the first line of section 6 of Senate Bill #153 the words "public danger or emergency" which do not appear in said House Bill. Senate Bill having been passed after the House Bill, the Senate Bill would prevail wherein there is any conflict.

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