WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1945

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 24

(By Mr. ————)

PASSED March 9, 1945

In Effect From Passage
AN ACT to provide financial relief, care and comfort for
Achilles T. Robison, a native and resident of Wetzel county,
state of West Virginia, who was permanently injured by
the unlawful act of a convict, escaped from a state highway
prison road camp, near Reeder, Wetzel county, West Vir­
ginia, on the sixth day of May, 1944, by the payment to
and for his use, of the sum of four thousand eight hundred
twenty-six dollars and thirty-five cents ($4,826.35), pay­
able for his maintenance, support, care and attention; and
to appropriate the necessary funds from the state treasury,
not otherwise appropriated, or that may remain in the
treasury unexpended, to accomplish the object and purpose
of this act, and to appropriate revenue raised by this session
of the Legislature for said purpose.

WHEREAS, Achillls T. Robison, a native and resident of New
Martinsville, Wetzel county, West Virginia, while in his home,
where he had a lawful right so to be, and which home is situ­ate on state highway No. 2, in Wetzel county, West Virginia, on the sixth day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-four, at or about the hour of three o'clock P. M. on said day, was fired upon by James Clark, a convict who had recently escaped from a state highway prison road camp near Reeder, Wetzel county, West Virginia, at which time the said Achilles T. Robison was struck in the right and left legs with the charge of shot from a shotgun then in the possession of the said James Clark and fired by him at the said Achilles T. Robison, and as a result thereof he lost his right leg and has been and now is a cripple, and will so remain for the rest of his natural life and unable to perform the duties of his occupation at the time of his injury; and

WHEREAS, The said Achilles T. Robison, at the time of the unlawful act of said escaped convict James Clark, was innocent of any wrongdoing and was in his own home where he had a right so to be, and was conducting himself as a peaceful and law-abiding citizen, and as a result of the injury inflicted upon him by the said escaped convict, the said Achilles T. Robison has been and is now unable to provide for his physical com-
fort and maintenance and support in the manner in which he was accustomed prior to the injury suffered by him as aforesaid; therefore,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

Section 1. Authorizing Payment of Damages to Achilles T. Robison for Injuries Inflicted by an Escaped Convict.—

3 That there be paid to the said Achilles T. Robison from the state treasury, the sum of four thousand eight hundred twenty-six dollars and thirty-five cents ($4,826.35), being the amount to which the said Achilles T. Robison would be entitled under the workmen's compensation law of the state of West Virginia, if said injury had been sustained by him in the course of his employment and his employer had been a subscriber to the workmen's compensation fund. And the auditor of this state is hereby authorized and directed to draw requisition upon the treasury of the state, payable to the said Achilles T. Robison, for the sum of four thousand eight hundred twenty-six dollars and thirty-five cents ($4,826.35), as herein authorized, in full satisfaction of any and all
damages sustained by him by reason of the aforesaid injury.

Sec. 2. Funds Appropriated.—Sufficient funds from any revenue of the state not otherwise appropriated, or remaining unexpended for any cause, and from revenue raised by this session of the Legislature, are hereby appropriated to pay the said sum of four thousand eight hundred twenty-six dollars and thirty-five cents ($4,826.35) to the said Achilles T. Robison.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Charles C. Norris  
Chairman Senate Committee

J. A. DeFeeney  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House

Takes effect from passage.

Thomas Gregg  
Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

Arnold M. Dickerson  
President of the Senate

John E. Amos  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within this the day of , 1945.

Governor.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia  
MAR 17 1945

[Signature]
Secretary of State