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WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION, 1947



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SENATE BILL No. 233

(By Mr. W. E. Kinley)



PASSED March 8, 1947

In Effect from Passage



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(By MR. MCKINLEY)

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AN ACT to compensate Davis Trust Company, administrator of the estate of Lucy Ward, deceased, for damages for the wrongful death of said Lucy Ward;

WHEREAS, On January twenty, one thousand nine hundred forty-five, a convict who escaped from the state prison farm at Huttonsville, West Virginia, did carnally attack and rape and murder Lucy Ward of Randolph county, West Virginia, and

WHEREAS, The escape of said convict was due to the gross and inexcusable negligence of a prison labor guard, then in the employ of the state of West Virginia, and

WHEREAS, The heirs at law of said Lucy Ward have suffered not only mental anguish but also loss of her services,

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

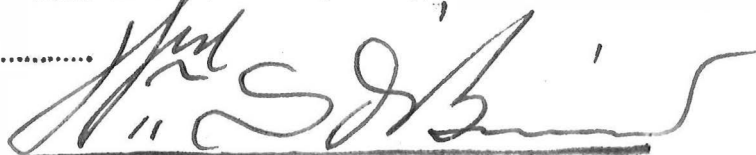
Section 1. *Reimbursing Davis Trust Company, as Administrator of the Estate of Lucy Ward.*—The auditor of

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3 the State of West Virginia is hereby authorized and di-  
4 rected to issue his warrant, payable from state fund gen-  
5 eral revenue, upon the treasurer in favor of Davis Trust  
6 Company, administrator of the estate of Lucy Ward, de-  
7 ceased, for five thousand dollars to compensate the heirs  
8 at law of said Lucy Ward for the loss occasioned them by  
9 the rape and murder of said Lucy Ward by an escaped  
10 convict from the state prison at Huttonsville, West Vir-  
11 ginia, the Legislature finding that this appropriation is  
12 necessary to discharge a moral obligation of the state.

I certify that the foregoing act,  
having been presented to the Governor for  
his approval, and not having been returned  
by him to the House of the Legislature in  
which it originated within the time pre-  
scribed by the constitution of this State, has  
become a law without his approval.

This the.....day of...MAR 13 1947  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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

Forest L. McKee

Chairman Senate Committee

R. G. Matthews

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the

Senate

Takes effect

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passage.

Howard Neper

Clerk of the Senate

J. K. Shipp

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Arnold M. Vickers

President of the Senate

John E. Amos

Speaker House of Delegates

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this the

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1947.

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Governor.

