WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1947

ENROLLED

SENATE BILL No. 239

(By Mr. Kinley)

PASSED March 8, 1947

In Effect from Passage
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Senate Bill No. 233
(By Mr. McKinley)

[Passed March 8, 1947; in effect from passage.]

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
the State of West Virginia is hereby authorized and directed to issue his warrant, payable from state fund general revenue, upon the treasurer in favor of Davis Trust Company, administrator of the estate of Lucy Ward, deceased, for five thousand dollars to compensate the heirs at law of said Lucy Ward for the loss occasioned them by the rape and murder of said Lucy Ward by an escaped convict from the state prison at Huttonsville, West Virginia, the Legislature finding that this appropriation is 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 prescribed by the constitution of the state to become a law without his approval.

This the..............day of MAR.1.3.1947

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

Forest L. McKeen
Chairman Senate Committee

P. F. Matthews
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate

Takes effect from passage.

Thompson Meier
Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Arnold M. Vickes
President of the Senate

John E. Amos
Speaker House of Delegates

The within this the day of , 1947.

Governor.