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(By Mr. Bowles)



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AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article two, chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the department of public safety.

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

That section three, article two, chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 3. *Companies and Platoons and How Constituted; Training of Members and Other Peace Officers; Salaries and Bonds of Members.*—The superintendent shall create, appoint and equip a department of public safety which shall, in addition to the personnel provided for in section two of this article, consist of four companies or platoons. Each company or platoon shall be composed

8 of one captain, one lieutenant, one first sergeant, five  
9 sergeants, ten corporals and such number of troopers as  
10 the superintendent may decide best, but such number  
11 of troopers in any company or platoon shall not at any  
12 time be less than twenty-five nor more than sixty-five.

13 The superintendent shall provide adequate facilities  
14 for the training of all members of the department and  
15 shall prescribe a basic training course for newly enlisted  
16 members. He shall also provide advanced or in service  
17 training from time to time for all members of the depart-  
18 ment. The superintendent may, in his discretion, hold  
19 training classes for other peace officers in the state with-  
20 out cost to such officers, except actual expenses for food,  
21 lodging and school supplies.

22 Members of the department shall receive salaries, as  
23 follows:

24 The inspector shall receive an annual salary of four  
25 thousand nine hundred twenty dollars; captains shall  
26 receive an annual salary of four thousand one hundred  
27 forty dollars; lieutenants shall each receive an annual  
28 salary of three thousand eight hundred forty dollars; the

29 master sergeants, master technical sergeants and first  
30 sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of three  
31 thousand four hundred eighty dollars; technical sergeants  
32 shall each receive an annual salary of three thousand  
33 four hundred twenty dollars; sergeants and sergeant  
34 technicians shall each receive an annual salary of three  
35 thousand three hundred dollars; corporals and corporal  
36 technicians shall each receive an annual salary of three  
37 thousand one hundred eighty dollars; and each newly  
38 enlisted trooper shall receive a salary of one hundred  
39 seventy-five dollars during the period of his basic training  
40 and upon the satisfactory completion of such training  
41 and assignment to active duty each such trooper shall  
42 receive, during the remainder of his first year's service,  
43 a salary of two hundred twenty-five dollars monthly.  
44 During the second year of his service in the department  
45 each trooper shall receive an annual salary of two thou-  
46 sand eight hundred twenty dollars; during the third year  
47 of his service each trooper shall receive an annual salary  
48 of two thousand nine hundred forty dollars; and during  
49 the fourth and fifth years of his service each trooper shall

50 receive an annual salary of ~~the~~ thousand sixty dollars.  
51 Each member of the department entitled thereto by the  
52 provisions hereof shall receive an increase in salary over  
53 that hereinbefore set forth in this section, for grade and  
54 rank, based on length of service, including that heretofore  
55 and hereafter served, with the department, as follows: For  
56 each five year period of service with the department from  
57 the date of first enlistment, each member of the depart-  
58 ment shall receive a salary increase of one hundred  
59 twenty dollars per year to be effective during his next  
60 five years of service, which increases shall be successive  
61 and cumulative until a total of five such increases shall  
62 be received.

63 In applying the foregoing salary schedule where salary  
64 increases are provided for length of service, members of  
65 the department in service at the time this article becomes  
66 effective shall be given credit for prior service and shall  
67 be paid such salaries as the same length of service will  
68 entitle them to receive under the provisions hereof.

69 Each member of the department of public safety, except  
70 the superintendent and civilian employees, shall, before

71 entering upon the discharge of his duties, execute a bond  
72 with security in the sum of three thousand five hundred  
73 dollars payable to the state of West Virginia, conditioned  
74 for the faithful performance of his duties as such, and  
75 such bond shall be approved as to form by the attorney  
76 general, and as to sufficiency by the board of public works  
77 and the same shall be filed with the secretary of state  
78 and preserved in his office.

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

*[Signature]*  
Chairman Senate Committee

*[Signature]*  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect July 1, 1955 passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 1  
day of March, 1955.

*[Signature]*  
Governor



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