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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
of one captain, one lieutenant, one first sergeant, five
sergeants, ten corporals and such number of troopers as
the superintendent may decide best, but such number
of troopers in any company or platoon shall not at any
time be less than twenty-five nor more than sixty-five.
The superintendent shall provide adequate facilities
for the training of all members of the department and
shall prescribe a basic training course for newly enlisted
members. He shall also provide advanced or in service
training from time to time for all members of the depart-
ment. The superintendent may, in his discretion, hold
training classes for other peace officers in the state with-
out cost to such officers, except actual expenses for food,
lodging and school supplies.

Members of the department shall receive salaries, as
follows:

The inspector shall receive an annual salary of four
thousand nine hundred twenty dollars; captains shall
receive an annual salary of four thousand one hundred
forty dollars; lieutenants shall each receive an annual
salary of three thousand eight hundred forty dollars; the
master sergeants, master technical sergeants and first
sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of three
thousand four hundred eighty dollars; technical sergeants
shall each receive an annual salary of three thousand
four hundred twenty dollars; sergeants and sergeant
technicians shall each receive an annual salary of three
thousand three hundred dollars; corporals and corporal
technicians shall each receive an annual salary of three
thousand one hundred eighty dollars; and each newly
enlisted trooper shall receive a salary of one hundred
seventy-five dollars during the period of his basic training
and upon the satisfactory completion of such training
and assignment to active duty each such trooper shall
receive, during the remainder of his first year's service,
a salary of two hundred twenty-five dollars monthly.
During the second year of his service in the department
each trooper shall receive an annual salary of two thou-
sand eight hundred twenty dollars; during the third year
of his service each trooper shall receive an annual salary
of two thousand nine hundred forty dollars; and during
the fourth and fifth years of his service each trooper shall
receive an annual salary of three thousand sixty dollars.

Each member of the department entitled thereto by the provisions hereof shall receive an increase in salary over that hereinbefore set forth in this section, for grade and rank, based on length of service, including that heretofore and hereafter served, with the department, as follows: For each five year period of service with the department from the date of first enlistment, each member of the department shall receive a salary increase of one hundred twenty dollars per year to be effective during his next five years of service, which increases shall be successive and cumulative until a total of five such increases shall be received.

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

Each member of the department of public safety, except the superintendent and civilian employees, shall, before
entering upon the discharge of his duties, execute a bond with security in the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars payable to the state of West Virginia, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as such, and such bond shall be approved as to form by the attorney general, and as to sufficiency by the board of public works and the same shall be filed with the secretary of state and preserved in his office.
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The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

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Takes effect July 1, 1955.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

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Governor

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