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HOUSE BILL No. 260

(By Mr. Bowles)

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House Bill No. 210
(By Mr. Bowles)

[Passed March 10, 1955; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article two, chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the appointment of an inspector, other commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers, troopers and civilian employees.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section two, 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 2. Appointment of Inspector, other Commissioned Officers, Noncommissioned Officers, Troopers and Civilian Employees.—The superintendent shall appoint, from the enlisted membership of the department, an inspector with the rank of major who shall be next in authority to the superintendent, and for the purpose of
operating and maintaining the executive offices, training school, scientific laboratory, keeping records relating to crimes and criminals, coordinating traffic safety activities and maintaining a system of supplies and accounting and carrying on other necessary services, he shall appoint not more than one captain, four lieutenants, two master sergeants, four sergeants, three corporals and six troopers. In addition the superintendent may appoint, from the enlisted membership of the department, not more than four other lieutenants for duties consisting of technical or scientific examination of evidence in criminal cases, but no member shall be appointed to fill these vacancies in the grade of lieutenant unless (1) he shall have completed four year's study at a recognized college or university and hold a bachelor's degree from such college or university and (2) such member shall have actually conducted numerous examinations of physical evidence in criminal cases and have been qualified in a court of record of this state to testify as an expert witness with respect thereto. Any or all the four vacancies for lieutenants described immediately preceding may be filled by the
appointment of a member of lesser grade, but no member above the grade of trooper may be appointed to any of such vacancies unless he shall be qualified as above set forth.

The superintendent shall appoint such civilian employees as may be necessary whose salaries shall be fixed by the board of public works.

The inspector, captains, lieutenants, master sergeants, sergeants, corporals and troopers shall be enrolled and enlisted as members of the department of public safety and shall be entitled to wear the insignia of rank as provided by law or authorized by department regulations.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

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Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 16th day of March 1953.

Governor

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