WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
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ENROLLED

Committee Substitute for
House Bill No. 263

Originating in the Committee
(By Mr. Finance)

Passed March 7, 1957

In Effect July 1, 1957
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
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 department.

The superintendent may, in his discretion, hold training classes for other peace officers in the state without 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 five thousand two hundred twenty dollars; captains shall each receive an annual salary of four thousand four hundred forty dollars; lieutenants shall each receive an annual
salary of four thousand one hundred forty dollars; the
master sergeants and first sergeants shall each receive an
annual salary of three thousand seven hundred eighty
dollars; sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of
three thousand six hundred dollars; corporals shall each
receive an annual salary of three thousand four hundred
eighty dollars; and each newly enlisted trooper shall re-
ceive a salary of two hundred 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 fifty dollars monthly. During the second year of his service in the depart-
ment each trooper shall receive an annual salary of three
thousand one hundred twenty dollars; during the third
year of his service each trooper shall receive an annual
salary of three thousand two hundred forty dollars; and
during the fourth and fifth years of his service each
trooper shall receive an annual salary of three thousand
three hundred sixty dollars. Each member of the depart-
ment entitled thereto by the provisions hereof shall re-
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 the security in the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars payable to the state of West Virginia, con-
ditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as such,
and such bond shall be approved as to form by the attor-
ney 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.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

E. H. McCourt
Chairman Senate Committee

W. F. Pellet
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect July 1, 1957, upon passage.

J. Howard Henry
Clerk of the Senate

V. S. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Ralph J. Beene
President of the Senate

W. E. Companion
Speaker, House of Delegates

The within approved this the 15th day of March, 1957.

George A. Hudson
Governor

Filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia
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D. Pitt O'Brien
Secretary of State