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HOUSE BILL No. 217

(By Mr. Common Finance)

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JOE F. BURDETT
SECRETARY OF STATE
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 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 eight hundred twenty dollars; captains shall each receive an annual salary of five thousand forty dollars; lieutenants shall each receive an annual salary of four
thousand seven hundred forty dollars; the master ser-
geants and first sergeants shall each receive an annual
salary of four thousand three hundred eighty dollars;
a Sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of four
thousand two hundred dollars; corporals shall each re-
ceive an annual salary of four thousand eighty dollars;
and each newly enlisted trooper shall receive a salary of
two hundred fifty 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 three hundred dollars monthly. During
the second year of his service in the department each
trooper shall receive an annual salary of three thousand
seven hundred twenty dollars; during the third year of
his service each trooper shall receive an annual salary of
three thousand eight hundred forty dollars; and during
the fourth and fifth years of his service each trooper shall
receive an annual salary of three thousand nine hundred
sixty dollars. Each member of the department entitled
thereto by the provisions hereof shall receive an increase
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49 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.

59 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.

65 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.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Eudora Andrews  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates.

Takes effect July 1, 1959, passage.

Ralph I. Beam  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

The within approved this the 20th day of March, 1959.

Governor