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House Bill No. 415

(By Mr. Speaker, Mr. Singleton)

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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 companies and platoons and how constituted; training of members and other peace officers; and salaries and bonds of members of 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 six thousand one hundred twenty dollars; captains shall each receive an annual salary of five thousand three hundred
forty dollars; lieutenants shall each receive an annual salary of five thousand forty dollars; the master sergeants and first sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of four thousand six hundred eighty dollars; sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of four thousand five hundred dollars; corporals shall each receive an annual salary of four thousand three hundred eighty dollars; and each newly enlisted trooper shall receive a salary of two 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 three hundred twenty five dollars monthly. During the second year of his service in the department each trooper shall receive an annual salary of four thousand twenty dollars; during the third year of his service each trooper shall receive an annual salary of four thousand one hundred forty dollars; and during the fourth and fifth years of his service each trooper shall receive an annual salary of four thousand two hundred sixty dollars. Each member of the department entitled thereto by the provi-
sions 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 depart-
ment shall receive a salary increase of one hundred twen-
ty 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 re-
ceived.

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, ex-
cept the superintendent and civilian employees, shall be-
fore entering upon the discharge of his duties, execute a
bond with security in the sum of three thousand five hun-
dred 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.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1st, 1961

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 17th day of March, 1961.

Governor

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