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SENATE BILL NO. 149

(By Mr. Carper, Mr. President, and Mr. McClint)

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Senate Bill No. 149
(By Mr. Carson, Mr. President, and Mr. McCourt)

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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 of the department of public safety and how constituted; to training of members and other peace officers; salaries and bonds of members.

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:
ARTICLE 2. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

§15-2-3. 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. They shall be
designated as companies “A”, “B”, “C” and “D”. Each
company or platoon shall be composed of one captain, one
lieutenant, one first sergeant, seven sergeants, not more
than seventeen 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.

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 shall 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 nine thousand four hundred twenty dollars; the major shall receive an annual salary of eight thousand five hundred twenty dollars; captains shall each receive an annual salary of seven thousand six hundred twenty dollars; lieutenants shall each receive an annual salary of seven thousand two hundred dollars; the master sergeants and first sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of six thousand seven hundred twenty dollars; sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of six thousand five hundred sixteen dollars; corporals shall each receive an annual salary of six thousand two hundred sixteen dollars; and each newly enlisted trooper shall receive a salary of four thousand thirteen dollars during the period of his basic training, and upon the satisfactory completion of such training and assignment to active duty each
trooper shall receive, during the remainder of his first year's service, a salary of four hundred sixty-three dollars monthly. During the second year of his service in the department each trooper shall receive an annual salary of five thousand six hundred seventy-six dollars; during the third year of his service each trooper shall receive an annual salary of five thousand seven hundred ninety-six dollars; and during the fourth and fifth years of his service and for each year thereafter each trooper shall receive an annual salary of five thousand nine hundred sixteen 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 in-
creases 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.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

William J. Lampert
Chairman Senate Committee

Clayton C. Davidson
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect July 1, 1967.

J. Howard Negley
Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Howard W. Carson
President of the Senate

W. Julian White
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 21 day of March, 1967.

Helena C. Smith
Governor