

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1969

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SENATE BILL NO. 74

(By Mr. Martin)

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PASSED March 5 1969

In Effect July 1, 1969 ~~Passage~~

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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 the organization of companies and platoons of the department of public safety, the training of members, and the 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; how constituted; training of members and other peace officers; salaries and bonds of members.**

1 The superintendent shall create, appoint and equip a  
2 department of public safety, which shall, in addition to  
3 the personnel provided for in section two of this article,  
4 consist of four companies or platoons. They shall be desig-  
5 nated as companies "A", "B", "C" and "D". Each com-  
6 pany or platoon shall be composed of one captain, one  
7 lieutenant, one first sergeant, seven sergeants, not more  
8 than seventeen corporals and such number of troopers and  
9 troopers first class as the superintendent may decide best,  
10 but such number of troopers and troopers first class in any  
11 company or platoon shall not at any time be less than  
12 twenty-five.

13 The superintendent shall provide adequate facilities  
14 for the training of all members of the department and  
15 shall prescribe a basic training course for newly enlisted  
16 members. He shall also provide advanced or in-service  
17 training from time to time for all members of the depart-  
18 ment. The superintendent shall hold training classes for:

19 other peace officers in the state without cost to such  
20 officers, except actual expenses for food, lodging and  
21 school supplies.

22 Members of the department shall receive salaries, as  
23 follows:

24 The inspector shall receive an annual salary of eleven  
25 thousand three hundred four dollars; the major shall  
26 receive an annual salary of ten thousand two hundred  
27 twenty-four dollars; captains shall each receive an annual  
28 salary of nine thousand one hundred forty-four dollars;  
29 lieutenants shall each receive an annual salary of eight  
30 thousand six hundred forty dollars; the master sergeants  
31 and first sergeants shall receive an annual salary of eight  
32 thousand sixty-four dollars; sergeants shall each receive  
33 an annual salary of seven thousand eight hundred twelve  
34 dollars; corporals shall each receive an annual salary of  
35 seven thousand four hundred sixty-four dollars; troopers  
36 first class shall receive an annual salary of seven thou-  
37 sand two hundred twenty-four dollars; and each newly  
38 enlisted trooper shall receive a salary of four hundred  
39 ninety-six dollars during the period of his basic train-

40 ing, and upon the satisfactory completion of such train-  
41 ing and assignment to active duty each trooper shall  
42 receive, during the remainder of his first year's service,  
43 a salary of five hundred fifty-six dollars monthly. During  
44 the second year of his service in the department each  
45 trooper shall receive an annual salary of six thousand  
46 eight hundred sixteen dollars; during the third year of  
47 his service each trooper shall receive an annual salary of  
48 six thousand nine hundred sixty dollars; and during  
49 the fourth and fifth years of his service and for each  
50 year thereafter each trooper shall receive an annual  
51 salary of seven thousand one hundred four dollars. Each  
52 member of the department entitled thereto by the pro-  
53 visions hereof shall receive an increase in salary over that  
54 hereinbefore set forth in this section, for grade and rank,  
55 based on length of service, including that heretofore and  
56 hereafter served, with the department, as follows: For  
57 each five-year period of service with the department, from  
58 the date of first enlistment, each member of the depart-  
59 ment shall receive a salary increase of three hundred  
60 dollars per year to be effective during his next five years

61 of service which increases shall be successive and  
62 cumulative, until a total of four such increases shall be  
63 received.

64 In applying the foregoing salary schedule where salary  
65 increases are provided for length of service, members of  
66 the department in service at the time this article becomes  
67 effective shall be given credit for prior service and shall  
68 be paid such salaries as the same length of service will  
69 entitle them to receive under the provisions hereof.

70 Each member of the department of public safety, ex-  
71 cept the superintendent and civilian employees, shall be-  
72 fore entering upon the discharge of his duties, execute a  
73 bond with security in the sum of three thousand five  
74 hundred dollars payable to the state of West Virginia,  
75 conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as  
76 such, and such bond shall be approved as to form by the  
77 attorney general, and as to sufficiency by the board of  
78 public works, and the same shall be filed with the sec-  
79 retary of state and preserved in his office.

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

*William Tomp*  
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Chairman Senate Committee

*Clayton C. Davidson*  
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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect July 1, 1969.

*Howard Keyes*  
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Clerk of the Senate

*A. B. Blankenship*  
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Lyndon B. Johnson*  
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President of the Senate

*Sam F. Burnley*  
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Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *12<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *March*, 1969.

*Arch A. Moore Jr.*  
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Governor



PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

Date 3/8/69

Time 4:50 p.m.

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