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*Committee Substitute*  
**SENATE BILL NO. 379**

(By Mr. *CARRISON*)  
*ORIGINAL SPONSOR*

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
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(MR. CARRIGAN, *original sponsor*)

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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  
5 designated as companies "A", "B", "C" and "D". Each  
6 company or platoon shall be composed of one captain,  
7 one lieutenant, one first sergeant, seven sergeants, not  
8 more than seventeen corporals and such number of  
9 troopers and troopers first class as the superintendent  
10 may decide best, but such number of troopers and troop-  
11 ers first class in any company or platoon shall not at  
12 any time be less than 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 de-

18 partment. The superintendent shall hold training classes  
19 for 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 twelve  
25 thousand two hundred forty dollars; the major shall  
26 receive an annual salary of ten thousand nine hundred  
27 ninety-two dollars; captains shall each receive an annual  
28 salary of nine thousand eight hundred forty dollars; lieu-  
29 tenants shall each receive an annual salary of nine thou-  
30 sand two hundred eighty-eight dollars; the master ser-  
31 geants and first sergeants shall each receive an annual  
32 salary of eight thousand six hundred seventy-six dollars;  
33 sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of eight  
34 thousand four hundred dollars; corporals shall each re-  
35 ceive an annual salary of eight thousand twenty-eight  
36 dollars; troopers first class shall receive an annual sal-  
37 ary of seven thousand seven hundred sixty-four dollars;  
38 and each newly enlisted trooper shall receive a salary

39 of five hundred thirty-four dollars during the period of  
40 his basic training, and upon the satisfactory completion  
41 of such training and assignment to active duty each  
42 trooper shall receive, during the remainder of his first  
43 year's service, a salary of five hundred ninety-eight dol-  
44 lars monthly. During the second year of his service in  
45 the department each trooper shall receive an annual  
46 salary of seven thousand three hundred thirty-two dol-  
47 lars; during the third year of his service each trooper  
48 shall receive an annual salary of seven thousand four  
49 hundred eighty-eight dollars; and during the fourth and  
50 fifth years of his service and for each year thereafter  
51 each trooper shall receive an annual salary of seven  
52 thousand six hundred thirty-two dollars. Each member of  
53 the department entitled thereto by the provisions hereof  
54 shall receive an increase in salary over that hereinbefore  
55 set forth in this section, for grade and rank, based on length  
56 of service, including that heretofore and hereafter served,  
57 with the department, as follows: At the end of five years of  
58 service with the department, such member of the depart-  
59 ment shall receive a salary increase of three hundred dol-

60 lars per year to be effective during his next three years of  
61 service and like increases at three-year intervals there-  
62 after, until a total of six such increases shall be received  
63 and such increases shall be cumulative.

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

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

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

*Russell G. Beall*  
Chairman Senate Committee

*Phyllis J. Rutledge*  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect July 1, 1971.

*Howard Meyer*  
Clerk of the Senate

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

*E. Hans McCourt*  
President of the Senate

*Lewis N. McManus*  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *1<sup>st</sup>*  
day of *April*, 1971.

*W. A. Shafer Jr.*  
Governor



PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

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