WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1971

ENROLLED
Committee Substitute
SENATE BILL NO. 379

(By Mr. (Signed)
Original Sponsor)

PASSED March 13, 1971

In Effect July 1, 1971
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.

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 and troopers first class as the superintendent may decide best, but such number of troopers and troopers first class 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 de-
partment. 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 twelve
thousand two hundred forty dollars; the major shall
receive an annual salary of ten thousand nine hundred
ninety-two dollars; captains shall each receive an annual
salary of nine thousand eight hundred forty dollars; lieu-
tenants shall each receive an annual salary of nine thou-
sand two hundred eighty-eight dollars; the master ser-
geants and first sergeants shall each receive an annual
salary of eight thousand six hundred seventy-six dollars;
sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of eight
thousand four hundred dollars; corporals shall each re-
cieve an annual salary of eight thousand twenty-eight
dollars; troopers first class shall receive an annual sal-
ary of seven thousand seven hundred sixty-four dollars;
and each newly enlisted trooper shall receive a salary
of five hundred thirty-four 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 five hundred ninety-eight dol-
lars monthly. During the second year of his service in
the department each trooper shall receive an annual
salary of seven thousand three hundred thirty-two dol-
lars; during the third year of his service each trooper
shall receive an annual salary of seven thousand four
hundred eighty-eight dollars; and during the fourth and
fifth years of his service and for each year thereafter
each trooper shall receive an annual salary of seven
thousand six hundred thirty-two 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: At the end of five years of
service with the department, such member of the depart-
ment shall receive a salary increase of three hundred dol-
lars per year to be effective during his next three years of
service and like increases at three-year intervals there-
after, until a total of six such increases shall be received
and such increases shall be cumulative.

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 be-
comes 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,
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 governor,
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.

Russell J. Peck
Chairman Senate Committee

Phyllis Lutledge
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect July 1, 1971.

J. Howard Snyder
Clerk of the Senate

(C. A. Blankenship)
Clerk of the House of Delegates

C. Hanford Ford
President of the Senate

Lewis T. McCravy
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 1st
day of April, 1971.

Raul Yzaguirre
Governor
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Date  3/19/71
Time  11:00 A.M.