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SENATE BILL NO. 280

(By Mr. HUBBARD)

PASSED MARCH 10 1972

In Effect 90 DAYS FROM Passage



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SECRETARY OF STATE

THIS DATE 3-28-72

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[Passed March 10, 1972; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article seven, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to qualifications, etc., of conservation officers.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section two, article seven, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 7. LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES; MOTORBOATING.

§20-7-2. Qualifications, etc., of conservation officers.

1 In addition to civil service qualifications and require-
2 ments, persons selected as conservation officers shall have
3 reached their eighteenth birthday and shall not have
4 reached their fortieth birthday at the time of appoint-
5 ment, be of height between five feet nine inches and six
6 feet six inches, with weight proportioned to height, in
7 good physical condition and of good moral character,
8 temperate in habits and without criminal record. When-
9 ever possible and practicable, preference in selection of
10 conservation officers shall be given honorably discharged
11 United States military personnel. Each conservation
12 officer, before entering upon the discharge of his duties,
13 shall take and subscribe to the oath of office prescribed
14 in article four, section five of the constitution of West
15 Virginia, which executed oath shall be filed with the di-
16 rector.

17 With the exception of the chief conservation officer,
18 each full-time, salaried conservation officer appointed un-
19 der the provisions of this chapter shall upon attaining the
20 age of sixty-five be required to accept a mandatory re-

21 tirement from the division of law enforcement. The di-
22 rector shall notify such officer in writing at least ninety
23 days prior to his sixty-fifth birthday of the effective date
24 of his retirement and all such benefits and privileges that
25 such officer has accrued. The provision of this section
26 shall not be construed to mean that a conservation officer
27 cannot accept at his own request an earlier retirement, or
28 that he cannot continue to be employed by some other
29 division or department of state government.

30 The director shall prescribe the kind, style and material
31 of uniforms to be worn by conservation officers. Uniforms
32 and other equipment furnished to the conservation officers
33 shall be and remain the property of the state.

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

Russell A. Beall
Chairman Senate Committee

Phyllis J. Rutledge
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

Howard W. Larson
Clerk of the Senate

V. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

E. Ross McCurt
President of the Senate

Leah J. M. Mearns
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 16th
day of March, 1972.

Urbah Mearns J.
Governor



PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 3/16/72

Time 2:10 p.m.