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SENATE BILL NO. 280

(By Mr. HUBBARD)

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In Effect 90 Days From Passage

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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 requirements, persons selected as conservation officers shall have reached their eighteenth birthday and shall not have reached their fortieth birthday at the time of appointment, be of height between five feet nine inches and six feet six inches, with weight proportioned to height, in good physical condition and of good moral character, temperate in habits and without criminal record. Whenever possible and practicable, preference in selection of conservation officers shall be given honorably discharged United States military personnel. Each conservation officer, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, shall take and subscribe to the oath of office prescribed in article four, section five of the constitution of West Virginia, which executed oath shall be filed with the director.

With the exception of the chief conservation officer, each full-time, salaried conservation officer appointed under the provisions of this chapter shall upon attaining the age of sixty-five be required to accept a mandatory re-
Retirement from the division of law enforcement. The director shall notify such officer in writing at least ninety days prior to his sixty-fifth birthday of the effective date of his retirement and all such benefits and privileges that such officer has accrued. The provision of this section shall not be construed to mean that a conservation officer cannot accept at his own request an earlier retirement, or that he cannot continue to be employed by some other division or department of state government.

The director shall prescribe the kind, style and material of uniforms to be worn by conservation officers. Uniforms and other equipment furnished to the conservation officers shall be and remain the property of the state.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

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

Governor