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SENATE BILL NO. 2069
(Originating in the
(Committee on Finance)

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FILED IN THE OFFICE
EDGAR F. HEISKELL III
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 5/3/73
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 department of public safety; establishment of companies or platoons; composition of companies and platoons; training of members of the department; salaries and bond.

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 department. The super-
intendent shall hold training classes for other peace officers
in the state without cost to such officers, except actual ex-
penses for food, lodging and school supplies.

Members of the department shall receive salaries, as fol-
lows:

The inspector shall receive an annual salary of thirteen
thousand four hundred sixty-four dollars; the major shall re-
ceive an annual salary of twelve thousand ninety-one dollars;
captains shall each receive an annual salary of ten thousand
eight hundred twenty-four dollars; lieutenants shall
each receive an annual salary of ten thousand two hundred
seventeen dollars; the master sergeants and first sergeants
shall each receive an annual salary of nine thousand five
hundred forty-four dollars; sergeants shall each receive an an-
nual salary of nine thousand two hundred forty dollars;
corporals shall each receive an annual salary of eight thou-
sand eight hundred thirty-one dollars; troopers first class shall
receive an annual salary of eight thousand five hundred
forty dollars; and each newly enlisted trooper shall receive
a salary of five hundred eighty-seven 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 six hundred fifty-eight dollars monthly. During
the second year of his service in the department each trooper
shall receive an annual salary of eight thousand sixty-five
dollars; during the third year of his service each trooper
shall receive an annual salary of eight thousand two hundred
thirty-seven dollars; and during the fourth and fifth years of
his service and for each year thereafter each trooper shall
receive an annual salary of eight thousand three hundred
ninety-five 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 fol-
lows: At the end of five years of service with the depart-
ment, such member of the department shall receive a salary
increase of three hundred dollars per year to be effective
during his next three years of service and like increases
at three-year intervals thereafter, until a total of six such
increases shall be received and such increases shall be cum-
ulative.

In applying the foregoing salary schedule where salary in-
creases are provided for length of service, members of the
department in service at the time this article becomes ef-
fектив 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, except
the superintendent and civilian employees, shall, before en-
tering 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.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect July 1, 1973.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 24th day of April, 1973.
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Date 4/24/73
Time 2:34 p.m.