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Committee Substitute for
HOUSE BILL No. 799

(By Mr. Bismore and Mrs. Neal)

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PASSED March 9, 1975

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

H. B. 799

(By Mr. Dinsmore and Mrs. Neal)

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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 public safety; department of public safety; and increasing the salaries of employees of such department.

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 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
expenses for food, lodging and school supplies.

Members of the department shall receive salaries, as
follows:

The inspector shall receive an annual salary of fourteen
thousand nine hundred sixty-four dollars; the major shall re-
ceive an annual salary of thirteen thousand five hundred ninety-
one dollars; captains shall each receive an annual salary of
twelve thousand three hundred twenty-four dollars; lieutenants
shall each receive an annual salary of eleven thousand seven
hundred seventeen dollars; the master sergeants and first
sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of eleven thousand
forty-four dollars; sergeants shall each receive an annual salary
of ten thousand seven hundred forty dollars; corporals shall
each receive an annual salary of ten thousand three hundred
thirty-one dollars; troopers first class shall each receive an an-
nual salary of ten thousand forty dollars; and each newly
enlisted trooper shall receive a salary of seven hundred twelve
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 seven hundred eighty-three
dollars monthly. During the second year of his service in the
department each trooper shall receive an annual salary of nine
thousand five hundred sixty-five dollars; during the third
year of his service each trooper shall receive an annual salary
of nine thousand seven hundred thirty-seven dollars; and
during the fourth year and fifth years of his service and
for each year thereafter each trooper shall receive an an-
nual salary of nine thousand eight hundred ninety-five dol-
lars. 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 here-
tofofore and hereafter served, with the department, as fol-
lows: At the end of five years of service with the de-
partment, 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 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 becomes 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, except
the superintendent and civilian employees, shall, before enter-
ing 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.
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The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence L. Chusto, Jr.
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.
Takes effect July 1, 1975.

J. Wilton-
Clerk of the Senate

W. G. Lawrence
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Byron M. Smith
President of the Senate

Lewis B. R. Thomas
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 25th
day of March, 1975.

Andr. cherry
Governor
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Date 3/20/75
Time 4:30 p.m.