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ENROLLED
Committee Substitute for
HOUSE BILL No. 1315

(By Mr. and Mr.)

PASSED March 12, 1976
In Effect July 1, 1976

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF
SECRETARY OF STATE OF
WEST VIRGINIA

THIS DATE
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 increasing the salaries of members of the department of public safety.

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 superinten-
dent may decide best, but such number of troopers and troop-
ers 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 superintendent shall
hold training classes for other peace officers in the state with-
out 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 sixteen
thousand one hundred sixty-four dollars; the major shall re-
ceive an annual salary of fourteen thousand seven hundred
ninety-one dollars; captains shall each receive an annual sal-
ary of thirteen thousand five hundred twenty-four dollars;
lieutenants shall each receive an annual salary of twelve thou-
sand nine hundred seventeen dollars; the master sergeants and
first sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of twelve
thousand two hundred forty-four dollars; sergeants shall each
receive an annual salary of eleven thousand nine hundred forty
dollars; corporals shall each receive an annual salary of eleven
thousand five hundred thirty-one dollars; troopers first class
shall each receive an annual salary of eleven thousand two
hundred forty dollars; and each newly enlisted trooper shall
receive a salary of eight hundred twelve dollars during the
period of his basic training, and upon the satisfactory comple-
tion of such training and assignment to active duty each
trooper shall receive, during the remainder of his first year's
service, a salary of eight hundred eighty-three dollars monthly.
During the second year of his service in the department each
trooper shall receive an annual salary of ten thousand seven
hundred sixty-five dollars; during the third year of his service
each trooper shall receive an annual salary of ten thousand
nine hundred thirty-seven dollars; and during the fourth year
and fifth year of his service and for each year thereafter each
trooper shall receive an annual salary of eleven thousand ninety-five dollars. Each member of the department entitled there-to 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 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 re-ceive 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 se-curity in the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars pay-able to the state of West Virginia, conditioned for the faith-ful performance of his duties as such, and such bond shall be approved as to form by the attorney general, and as to suffi-ciency 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.

James L. Lewis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.
Takes effect July 1, 1976.

John J. Dillon  
Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Lewis F. F. Mann
Speaker House of Delegates

The within appeared this the 29th day of __________, 1976.

Andrew V. Shimel  
Governor
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Date 3/24/26
Time 3:45 p.m.