

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1978



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SENATE BILL NO. 313

(By Mr. Hatfield)



PASSED March 10, 1978

In Effect ninety 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 the qualifications of persons selected as 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
3 have reached their eighteenth birthday and shall not
4 have reached their fortieth birthday at the time of ap-
5 pointment, be in good physical condition and of good
6 moral character, temperate in habits and shall not have
7 been convicted of a felony. Whenever possible and prac-
8 ticable, preference in selection of conservation officers
9 shall be given honorably discharged United States mili-
10 tary personnel. Each conservation officer, before entering
11 upon the discharge of his duties, shall take and subscribe
12 to the oath of office prescribed in article four, section
13 five of the constitution of West Virginia, which executed
14 oath shall be filed with the director.

15 With the exception of the chief conservation officer,
16 each full-time, salaried conservation officer appointed

17 under the provisions of this chapter shall upon attaining
18 the age of sixty-five be required to accept a mandatory
19 retirement from the division of law enforcement. The
20 director shall notify such officer in writing at least ninety
21 days prior to his sixty-fifth birthday of the effective date
22 of his retirement and all such benefits and privileges
23 that such officer has accrued. The provisions of this sec-
24 tion shall not be construed to mean that a conservation
25 officer cannot accept at his own request an earlier re-
26 tirement, or that he cannot continue to be employed by
27 some other division or department of state government.

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

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

James L. Davis
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence C. Thurston, Jr.
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

J. C. Dillon, Jr.
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. T. Buehler, Jr.
President of the Senate

Donald L. Topp
Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 30
day of March, 1978.

John J. Ralston
Governor



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