WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1981

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HOUSE BILL No. 1524

(By Mr. Stephens & Mr. Tompkins)

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Passed April 11, 1981

In Effect Ninety Days From Passage
AN ACT to amend article five, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be adding thereto a new section, designated section nineteen, relating to liability insurance for county officers and employees.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article five, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section nineteen, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. FISCAL AFFAIRS.

§7-5-19. Liability insurance for county officers and employees.

Every county shall have plenary power and authority to contract and expend public funds for the purchase of one or more policies of public liability insurance, with or without a sharing in the cost thereof by the officers, agents and employees of such county, providing the county and its officers, agent and employees insurance coverage for legal liability of said county and its officers, agents and employees for bodily injury, personal injury or damage (including, but not limited to, false arrest and false imprisonments) and property damage, and affording said county and its officers, agents and employees insurance coverage against any and all legal liability arising
from, growing out of, by reason of or in any way connected
with, any acts or omissions of said county, or its officers,
agents or employees in the performance of their official duties.
So long as the coverage aforesaid is obtained and remains in
full force and effect as to the law-enforcement officers of a
county, the bond specified in section five, article seven,
chapter sixty-one of this code shall not be required as to such
police officers.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the
foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

R. P. Blevins
Chairman Senate Committee

Tony E. Whitlow
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Jude C. Wells
Clerk of the Senate

C. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Chalmers M. Lee, Jr.
Speaker House of Delegates

The within _______________ day of _______________ , 1981

R. P. Blevins
Governor