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(By Delegate Shiflet)

[Passed February 24, 1984; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article twenty-nine, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to law-enforcement officer training and certification; definitions; special conservation officers excluded.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section one, article twenty-nine, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 29. LAW-ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION.

§30-29-1. Definitions.

- 1 For purposes of this article, unless a different meaning
- 2 clearly appears in the context:
- 3 "Approved law-enforcement training academy" means any
- 4 training facility which is approved and authorized to conduct
- 5 law-enforcement training as provided in this article;
- 6 "Chief executive" means the superintendent of the depart-
- 7 ment of public safety; the chief conservation officer, depart-
- 8 ment of natural resources; the sheriff of any West Virginia
- 9 county; or the chief of any West Virginia municipal law-
- 10 enforcement agency:

- "County" means the fifty-five major political subdivisions of the state;
- "Exempt rank" means any noncommissioned or commis-14 sioned rank of sergeant or above;
- 15 "Governor's committee on crime, delinquency and correc-
- 16 tion" or "governor's committee" means the governor's com-
- 17 mittee on crime, delinquency and correction established as
- 18 a state planning agency pursuant to section one, article nine.
- 19 chapter fifteen of this code;
- 20 "Law-enforcement officer" means any duly authorized member
- 21 of a law-enforcement agency who is authorized to maintain
- 22 public peace and order, prevent and detect crime, make ar-
- 23 rests, and enforce the laws of the state or any county or
- 24 municipality thereof, other than parking ordinances. As used
- 25 in this article, the term "law-enforcement officer" does not
- 26 apply to the chief executive of any West Virginia law-enforce-
- 27 ment agency or any watchman, college campus security per-
- 28 sonnel or special conservation officer;
- 29 "Law-enforcement official" means the duly appointed chief
- 30 administrator of a designated law-enforcement agency or a
- 31 duly authorized designee:
- 32 "Municipality" means any incorporated town or city whose
- 33 boundaries lie within the geographic boundaries of the state;
- 34 "Subcommittee" or "law-enforcement training subcommit-
- 35 tee" means the subcommittee of the governor's committee on
- 36 crime, delinquency and correction created by section two of
- 37 this article; and
- 38 "West Virginia law-enforcement agency" means any duly
- 39 authorized state, county or municipal organization employ-
- 40 ing one or more persons whose responsibility is the enforce-
- 41 ment of laws of the state or any county or municipality
- 42 thereof.

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

Chairman Senate Committee Chairman House Committee Originating in the House. Takes effect ninety days from passage. Clerk of the Senate Clerk of the House of President of the Senate Speaker House of Delegates this the _____ The within _____ day of Marl, 1984.

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