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HOUSE BILL No. 1800

(By Mr. Del. Damron)



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(By DELEGATE DAMRON)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section seven, article two, chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to allowing an increase in the age limit for persons with prior military experience applying for positions as state police helicopter pilots.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section seven, 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.

§15-2-7. Cadet selection board; qualifications for and appointment to membership in department; civilian employees.

- 1 (a) The superintendent shall establish within the department
2 of public safety a cadet selection board which shall be
3 representative of commissioned and noncommissioned officers
4 within the department.
- 5 (b) The superintendent shall appoint a member to the
6 position of trooper from among the top three names on the
7 current list of eligible applicants established by the cadet
8 selection board.
- 9 (c) Preference in making appointments shall be given
10 whenever possible to honorably discharged members of the

11 armed forces of the United States and to residents of West
12 Virginia. Each applicant for appointment shall be a person not
13 less than twenty-one nor more than thirty years of age, of
14 sound constitution and good moral character; shall be required
15 to pass such mental examination and meet other requirements
16 as may be provided for in regulations promulgated by the
17 cadet selection board; and shall be required to pass such
18 physical examination as may be provided for in regulations
19 promulgated by the retirement board: *Provided*, That a former
20 member may, at the discretion of the superintendent, be
21 reenlisted if the period of his former service subtracted from
22 his age does not exceed thirty years: *Provided, however*, That
23 the age limit requirement may be modified for persons over
24 the age of thirty with active duty military experience who are
25 applying for positions as helicopter pilots in the department.
26 For each full year of active military service, the age limit
27 requirement shall be raised by one year to a maximum age
28 of thirty-five years for helicopter pilot applicants.

29 (d) No person may be barred from becoming a member of
30 the department because of his religious or political convictions.

31 (e) The superintendent shall adhere to the principles of
32 equal employment opportunity set forth in article eleven,
33 chapter five of this code, and shall take positive steps to
34 encourage applications for department membership from
35 females and minority groups within the state.

36 (f) Except for the superintendent, no person may be
37 appointed or enlisted to membership in the department at a
38 grade or rank above the grade of trooper.

39 (g) The superintendent shall appoint such civilian employees
40 as may be necessary, and all such employees may be included
41 in the classified service of the civil service system except those
42 in positions exempt under the provisions of article six, chapter
43 twenty-nine of this code.

PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 4/14/85

Time 8:36 p.m.