WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1985

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 1800

(By Mr. Del. Dawson)

Passed April 13, 1985

In Effect 90 Days From Passage
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 of public safety a cadet selection board which shall be representative of commissioned and noncommissioned officers within the department.

2. (b) The superintendent shall appoint a member to the position of trooper from among the top three names on the current list of eligible applicants established by the cadet selection board.

3. (c) Preference in making appointments shall be given whenever possible to honorably discharged members of the
armed forces of the United States and to residents of West Virginia. Each applicant for appointment shall be a person not less than twenty-one nor more than thirty years of age, of sound constitution and good moral character; shall be required to pass such mental examination and meet other requirements as may be provided for in regulations promulgated by the cadet selection board; and shall be required to pass such physical examination as may be provided for in regulations promulgated by the retirement board: Provided, That a former member may, at the discretion of the superintendent, be reenlisted if the period of his former service subtracted from his age does not exceed thirty years: Provided, however, That the age limit requirement may be modified for persons over the age of thirty with active duty military experience who are applying for positions as helicopter pilots in the department. For each full year of active military service, the age limit requirement shall be raised by one year to a maximum age of thirty-five years for helicopter pilot applicants.

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

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

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

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

Date  4/10/85
Time  8:36 pm.