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House Bill No. 4664

(By Delegates Ennis, Cann, Proudfoot, Evans and Martin)

Passed March 13, 1998

In Effect from Passage
AN ACT to amend article seven, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section one-f, relating to natural resources; law enforcement; special conservation officers; providing for the award of service revolver to certain officers upon retirement; exceptions; and furnishing uniform for burial upon death of current or honorably retired officer.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 7. LAW ENFORCEMENT, MOTORBOATING, LITTER.

§20-7-1f. Awarding service revolver to special conservation officers upon retirement; furnishing uniform for burial.

(a) Upon the retirement of any special conservation officer selected and appointed pursuant to section one of this article, the chief of the officer's section shall award to the retiring special conservation officer his or her service revolver, without charge, upon determining:
(1) That the special conservation officer is retiring honorably with at least twenty-five years of recognized special law-enforcement service as determined by the chief conservation officer; or

(2) That such special conservation officer is retiring with less than twenty-five years of service based upon a determination that he or she is totally physically disabled as a result of service with the division.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the section chief shall not award a service revolver to any special conservation officer who has been declared mentally incompetent by a licensed physician or any court of law, or who, in the opinion of the chief conservation officer constitutes a danger to any person or the community.

(c) Upon the death of any current or honorably retired special conservation officer, the respective chief shall, upon request of the deceased officer's family, furnish a full uniform for burial of the deceased officer.
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 from passage

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within approved this the 6th day of April, 1998.

Governor