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(By Senator DITTMAR, ET AL)



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(BY SENATORS DITTMAR, KESSLER, LOVE,  
SHARPE, BOWMAN, WHITE, BALL AND ANDERSON)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section one-c, article seven, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to adding and redesignating ranks; setting corporals salary; updating the minimum base pay scale for conservation officers; requiring across-the-board pay increases be included in minimum base pay scale; and providing for retention of merit increases.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

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

**ARTICLE 7. LAW ENFORCEMENT, MOTORBOATING, LITTER.**

**§20-7-1c. Conservation officers, ranks, salary schedule, base pay, exceptions.**

1 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the  
2 contrary, the ranks within the law-enforcement section of  
3 the division of natural resources are colonel, lieutenant  
4 colonel, major, captain, lieutenant, sergeant, corporal,  
5 conservation officer first class, senior conservation officer,  
6 conservation officer and conservation officer-in-training.  
7 Each officer while in uniform shall wear the insignia of  
8 rank as provided by the chief conservation officer.

9 (b) Conservation officers shall be paid the minimum  
10 annual salaries based on the following schedule:

11	ANNUAL SALARY SCHEDULE (BASE PAY)	
12	SUPERVISORY AND NONSUPERVISORY RANKS	
13	Conservation Officer-In-Training	
14	(first year) .....	\$22,025
15	Conservation Officer (second year) .....	\$24,214
16	Conservation Officer (third year) .....	\$24,486
17	Senior Conservation Officer (fourth year) ....	\$24,698
18	Conservation Officer First Class	
19	(after fifth year) .....	\$26,276
20	Conservation Officer (after tenth year) .....	\$27,854
21	Conservation Officer (after fifteenth year) ....	\$29,254
22	Corporal .....	\$31,065
23	Sergeant .....	\$32,877
24	Lieutenant .....	\$35,697
25	Captain .....	\$37,983
26	Major .....	\$40,266
27	Lieutenant Colonel .....	\$42,308
28	Colonel .....	

29 Conservation officers in service at the time the amend-  
30 ment to this section becomes effective shall be given credit  
31 for prior service and shall be paid salaries as the same  
32 length of service will entitle them to receive under the  
33 provisions of this section.

34 (c) This section does not apply to special or emergency  
35 conservation officers appointed under the authority of  
36 section one of this article.

37 (d) Nothing in this section prohibits other pay increases  
38 as provided for under section two, article five, chapter five  
39 of this code: *Provided*, That an across-the-board pay  
40 increase granted by the Legislature or the governor is  
41 added to, and reflected in, the minimum salaries set forth  
42 in this section; and that merit increases are retained by an  
43 officer when he or she advances from one rank to another.

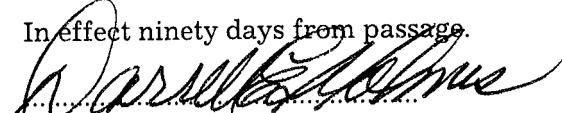
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

  
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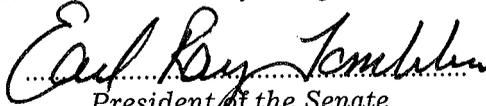
  
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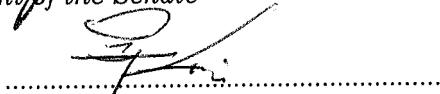
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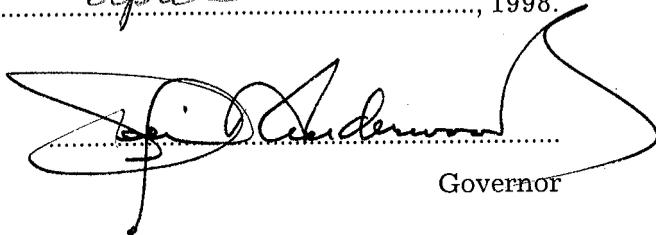
  
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The within approved this the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
day of April, 1998.

  
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PRESENTED TO THE

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Date 3/26/98

Time 12:00 pm