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AN ACT to amend and reenact §20-7-1a and §20-7-1c of the
Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to

compensation of conservation officers; providing an increase in length of service and base salaries for conservation officers; providing a hiring bonus for conservation officers; amending ranks of conservation officers; and eliminating provisions relating to certain other compensation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §20-7-1a and §20-7-1c of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 7. LAW ENFORCEMENT, MOTORBOATING, LITTER.

§20-7-1a. Conservation officers salary increase based on length of service.

1 (a) Each conservation officer shall receive a four
2 hundred-dollar increase in salary over that set forth in
3 section one-c of this article for grade in rank, based on
4 length of service following the first two years of service,
5 to be effective the next year of service and for each year
6 thereafter, with the increases to be cumulative.

7 (b) A salary increase shall be based upon years of
8 service as of the first day of July of each year and may
9 not be recalculated until the first day of July of the
10 following year.

11 (c) Conservation officers in service at the time the
12 length of service salary increase become effective shall
13 be given credit for prior service.

14 (d) This section does not apply to special or
15 emergency conservation officers appointed under the

16 authority of section one of this article.

§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
3 of the Division of Natural Resources are colonel,
4 lieutenant colonel, major, captain, lieutenant, sergeant,
5 corporal, conservation officer first class, senior
6 conservation officer, conservation officer and
7 conservation officer-in-training. Each officer while in
8 uniform shall wear the insignia of rank as provided by
9 the chief conservation officer.

10 (b) Beginning on the first day of July, two thousand
11 two, and continuing thereafter, conservation officers
12 shall be paid the minimum annual salaries based on the
13 following schedule:

14 **ANNUAL SALARY SCHEDULE (BASE PAY)**
15 **SUPERVISORY AND NONSUPERVISORY RANKS**

16	Conservation Officer-in-training (first	
17	year until end of probation)	\$26,337
18	Conservation Officer (second year)	\$29,768
19	Conservation Officer (third year)	\$30,140
20	Senior Conservation Officer(fourth and	
21	fifth year)	\$30,440
22	Senior Conservation Officer First Class	
23	(after fifth year)	\$32,528

24	Senior Conservation Officer (after tenth	
25	year)	\$33,104
26	Senior Conservation Officer (after	
27	fifteenth year)	\$33,528
28	Corporal (after sixteenth year)	\$36,704
29	Sergeant	\$40,880
30	First Sergeant	\$42,968
31	Lieutenant	\$47,144
32	Captain	\$49,232
33	Major	\$51,320
34	Lieutenant Colonel	\$53,408
35	Colonel	

36 Beginning on the first day of July, two thousand
37 eight, each new conservation officer shall receive a
38 three thousand-dollar hiring bonus in addition to the
39 following salary schedules.

40 Beginning on the first day of July, two thousand
41 eight, until and including the thirtieth day of June, two
42 thousand nine, conservation officers shall be paid the
43 annual salaries based on the following schedule:

44 **ANNUAL SALARY SCHEDULE (BASE PAY)**
45 **SUPERVISORY AND NONSUPERVISORY RANKS**

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46	Conservation Officer (in training 1-6	
47	months)	\$31,622
48	Conservation Officer (after training	
49	through first year)	\$38,458
50	Conservation Officer Second Year	\$39,922
51	Conservation Officer Third Year	\$40,294
52	Senior Conservation Officer (4th -	
53	6th year)	\$40,682
54	Conservation Officer First Class (7th -	
55	9th year)	\$41,270
56	Corporal (10+ years)	\$41,858
57	Sergeant	\$46,034
58	First Sergeant	\$48,122
59	Lieutenant	\$52,298
60	Captain	\$54,386
61	Major	\$56,474
62	Lieutenant Colonel	\$58,562
63	Colonel	

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65 and continuing thereafter, conservation officers shall
66 receive annual salaries as follows:

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87 Each conservation officer whose salary is fixed in this
88 salary schedule is also entitled to the length of service
89 increases set forth in subsection one-a of this article.

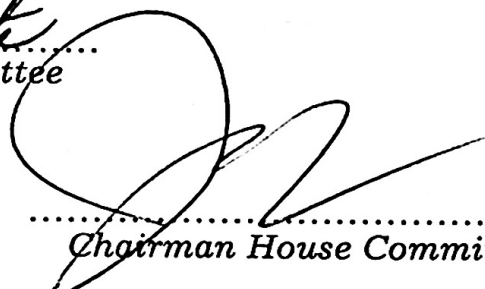
90 Conservation officers in service at the time the salary
91 schedules become effective shall be given credit for
92 prior service.

93 (c) This section does not apply to special or emergency
94 conservation officers appointed under the authority of
95 section one of this article.

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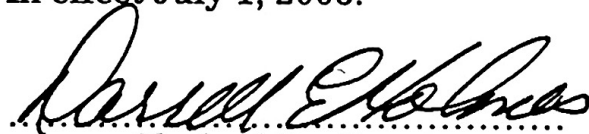
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.


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Chairman Senate Committee



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Chairman House Committee

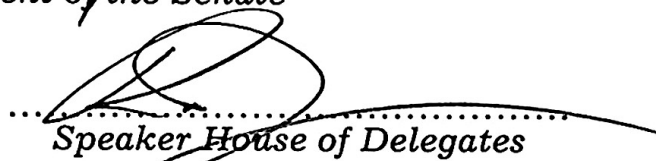
Originated in the Senate.

In effect July 1, 2008.


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Clerk of the Senate


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Clerk of the House of Delegates


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President of the Senate


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Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is disapproved* this
the *20th* Day of *March*, 2008.


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