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Lawrence and Snuffer)



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AN ACT to amend and reenact §15-2-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the State Police appointment of commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers, other members; increasing principle supervisors to nineteen.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §15-2-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE.

§15-2-4. Appointment of commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers, other members; temporary and permanent positions.

1 (a) The superintendent shall appoint, from the enlisted
2 membership of the State Police, a deputy superintendent who
3 shall hold the rank of lieutenant colonel and be next in
4 authority to the superintendent. The superintendent shall
5 appoint, from the enlisted membership of the State Police, the

6 number of other officers and members he or she considers
7 necessary to operate and maintain the executive offices,
8 training school and forensic laboratory; and to keep records
9 relating to crimes and criminals, coordinate traffic safety
10 activities, maintain a system of supplies and accounting and
11 perform other necessary services.

12 (b) The ranks within the membership of the State Police
13 shall be colonel, lieutenant colonel, major, captain, first
14 lieutenant, second lieutenant, first sergeant, sergeant,
15 corporal, trooper first class, senior trooper, trooper or cadet
16 trooper. Each member while in uniform shall wear the
17 insignia of rank as provided by law and written State Police
18 policies. Members assigned to the forensic laboratory shall
19 hold the title of trooper, be classified as criminalists and wear
20 the insignia of classification as provided by written State
21 Police policies.

22 The superintendent may appoint from the membership of
23 the State Police nineteen principal supervisors who shall
24 receive the compensation and hold the temporary rank of
25 lieutenant colonel, major or captain at the will and pleasure
26 of the superintendent. The superintendent may also appoint
27 from the membership of the executive protection section of
28 the State Police two additional supervisors who shall receive
29 the compensation and hold the temporary rank of first
30 lieutenant and serve at the will and pleasure of the
31 superintendent. Appointments are exempt from any eligibility
32 requirements established by the career progression system:
33 *Provided*, That any member appointed from within the
34 executive protection section of the State Police to the
35 temporary rank of first lieutenant must have completed a
36 minimum of two years service within the executive protection
37 section prior to becoming eligible for such appointment. Any
38 person appointed to a temporary rank under the provisions of
39 this article remains eligible for promotion or reclassification

40 under the provisions of the career progression system if his or
41 her permanent rank is below that of first lieutenant. Upon the
42 termination of a temporary appointment by the
43 superintendent, the member may not be reduced to a rank or
44 classification below his or her permanent rank or
45 classification, unless the reduction results from disciplinary
46 action, and remains eligible for subsequent appointment to a
47 temporary rank.

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


Chairman, House Committee



Chairman, Senate Committee

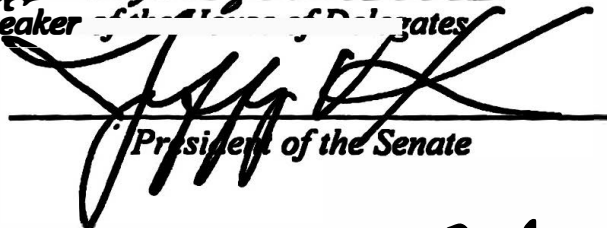
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The within is approved this the 2nd
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