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House Bill No. 4626
(By Delegates Miley, Morgan, Swartzmiller, Lawrence and Snuffer)

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H. B. 4626

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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 membership of the State Police, a deputy superintendent who shall hold the rank of lieutenant colonel and be next in authority to the superintendent. The superintendent shall appoint, from the enlisted membership of the State Police, the
number of other officers and members he or she considers
necessary to operate and maintain the executive offices,
training school and forensic laboratory; and to keep records
relating to crimes and criminals, coordinate traffic safety
activities, maintain a system of supplies and accounting and
perform other necessary services.

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

The superintendent may appoint from the membership of
the State Police nineteen principal supervisors who shall
receive the compensation and hold the temporary rank of
lieutenant colonel, major or captain at the will and pleasure
of the superintendent. The superintendent may also appoint
from the membership of the executive protection section of
the State Police two additional supervisors who shall receive
the compensation and hold the temporary rank of first
lieutenant and serve at the will and pleasure of the
superintendent. Appointments are exempt from any eligibility
requirements established by the career progression system:
Provided, That any member appointed from within the
executive protection section of the State Police to the
temporary rank of first lieutenant must have completed a
minimum of two years service within the executive protection
section prior to becoming eligible for such appointment. Any
person appointed to a temporary rank under the provisions of
this article remains eligible for promotion or reclassification
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under the provisions of the career progression system if his or her permanent rank is below that of first lieutenant. Upon the termination of a temporary appointment by the superintendent, the member may not be reduced to a rank or classification below his or her permanent rank or classification, unless the reduction results from disciplinary action, and remains eligible for subsequent appointment to a temporary rank.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman, House Committee

Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Clerk of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

The within is approved this the 2nd day of April, 2012.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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Time 1:35 pm