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2 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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4 **Senate Bill No. 539**

5 (By Senator Unger)

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7 [Originating in the Committee on Government Organization;  
8 reported March 1, 2011.]  
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11 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
12 adding thereto a new section, designated §8-14-3a, relating to  
13 allowing police chiefs and deputy chiefs in Class III and  
14 Class IV municipalities to be reinstated to previous rank  
15 after term as chief or deputy chief is completed.

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

17 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended  
18 by adding thereto a new section, designated §8-14-3a, to read as  
19 follows:

20 **ARTICLE 14. LAW AND ORDER; POLICE FORCE OR DEPARTMENTS, ETC.**

21 **§8-14-3a. Reinstatement of chief or deputy chief of police of a**  
22 **Class III or Class IV municipality.**

23 An individual appointed chief or deputy chief of police of a  
24 Class III or Class IV municipality who held a position as a member  
25 of the police department before the appointment as chief or deputy  
26 chief of police may be reinstated to the officer's previous rank  
27 following his or her term as chief or deputy chief of police.