

E N R O L L E D

H. B. 2224

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[Passed March 13, 2015;
in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact §15-1F-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to unlawful military organizations; providing that historical reenactors are not violating the provision prohibiting unlawful military organizations; and providing that individuals or groups of individuals who drill, perform or parade at public ceremonies, including funerals, are not violating the provision prohibiting unlawful military organizations.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §15-1F-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1F. PRIVILEGES AND PROHIBITIONS.

§15-1F-7. Unlawful military organizations.

1 (a) It is unlawful for any body of individuals other than the
2 regularly organized National Guard or the troops of the United
3 States, to associate themselves together as a military company or
4 organization in this state.

5 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the
6 Governor may grant permission to public or private schools of
7 the state to organize themselves into companies of cadets, and
8 may furnish the cadets, under proper restrictions, obsolete
9 ordnance stores and equipment owned by the state that are not in
10 use by the National Guard.

11 (c) It is not a violation of this section for a group of
12 individuals to associate as a military company or organization
13 for historical, artistic or fictional performances; or, for an
14 individual or group of individuals to drill, perform or parade at
15 public ceremonies, including funerals.

16 (d) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section, or
17 belongs to or parades with a body of individuals with arms
18 violating subsection (a) of this section, is guilty of a
19 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than
20 \$100 or confined in jail for not more than six months.

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

Chairman, House Committee

Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect from passage.

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Clerk of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

The within _____ this the _____
day of _____, 2015.

Governor

