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Senate Bill 493

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[Passed April 6, 2017; in effect 90 days from passage]

1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §20-7-1c of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to compensation for Natural Resources Police Officers.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 7. LAW ENFORCEMENT; MOTORBOATING; LITTER.

§20-7-1c. Natural resources police officer, ranks, salary schedule, base pay, exceptions.

1 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, the ranks within the law-
2 enforcement section of the Division of Natural Resources are colonel, lieutenant colonel, major,
3 captain, lieutenant, sergeant, corporal, natural resources police officer first class, senior natural
4 resources police officer, natural resources police officer and natural resources police officer-in-
5 training. Each officer while in uniform shall wear the insignia of rank as provided by the chief
6 natural resources police officer.

7 (b) Beginning on July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2011, Natural Resources Police Officers
8 shall be paid the minimum annual salaries based on the following schedule:

9 ANNUAL SALARY SCHEDULE (BASE PAY)

10 SUPERVISORY AND NONSUPERVISORY RANKS

11	Natural Resources Police Officer In Training (first year until end of probation)	\$26,337
12	Natural Resources Police Officer (second year)	\$29,768
13	Natural Resources Police Officer (third year).....	\$30,140
14	Senior Natural Resources Police Officer (fourth and	
15	fifth year)	\$30,440
16	Senior Natural Resources Police Officer First Class	
17	(after fifth year)	\$32,528
18	Senior Natural Resources Police Officer (after	
19	tenth year)	\$33,104

20	Senior Natural Resources Police Officer (after	
21	fifteenth year)	\$33,528
22	Corporal (after sixteenth year)	\$36,704
23	Sergeant.....	\$40,880
24	First Sergeant.....	\$42,968
25	Lieutenant	\$47,144
26	Captain.....	\$49,232
27	Major	\$51,320
28	Lieutenant Colonel	\$53,408
29	Colonel	

30 Beginning July 1, 2011, and continuing thereafter, Natural Resources Police Officers shall
31 be paid the minimum annual salaries based on the following schedule:

32 ANNUAL SALARY SCHEDULE (BASE PAY)

33 SUPERVISORY AND NONSUPERVISORY RANKS

34	Natural Resources Police Officer in Training (first	
35	year until end of probation)	\$31,222
36	Natural Resources Police Officer (second year)	\$34,881
37	Natural Resources Police Officer (third year).....	\$35,277
38	Senior Natural Resources Police Officer (fourth and	
39	fifth year)	\$35,601
40	Senior Natural Resources Police Officer First Class	
41	(after fifth year)	\$37,797
42	Senior Natural Resources Police Officer (after tenth	
43	year)	\$38,397
44	Senior Natural Resources Police Officer (after	
45	fifteenth year)	\$38,833

46	Corporal (after sixteenth year)	\$42,105
47	Sergeant.....	\$46,401
48	First Sergeant.....	\$48,549
49	Lieutenant	\$52,857
50	Captain.....	\$55,005
51	Major	\$57,153
52	Lieutenant Colonel	\$59,301
53	Colonel.....	\$66,000

54 Beginning July 1, 2017, the director may set additional annual compensation for Natural
55 Resources Police Officers based on rank and length of service in addition to the minimum annual
56 salaries provided in this section in an amount payable solely from the Law Enforcement Program
57 Fund and the Special Revenue License Fund. Each Natural Resources Police Officer whose
58 minimum salary is fixed and specified in the Annual Salary Schedule in this section is entitled to
59 the length of service increases set forth in section one-a of this article.

60 In applying the salary schedules set forth in this section where salary increases are
61 provided for length of service, Natural Resources Police Officers in service at the time the
62 schedules become effective shall be given credit for prior service and shall be paid salaries the
63 same length of service entitles them to receive under the provisions of this section.

64 (c) This section does not apply to special or emergency Natural Resources Police Officers
65 appointed under the authority of section one of this article.

66 (d) Nothing in this section prohibits other pay increases as provided under section two,
67 article five, chapter five of this code: *Provided*, That any across-the-board pay increase granted
68 by the Legislature or the Governor, and any increase in the base pay for the ranks within the law-
69 enforcement section authorized by the director, will be added to, and reflected in, the minimum
70 salaries set forth in this section; and that any merit increases granted to an officer over and above
71 the annual salary schedule listed in subsection (b) of this section are retained by an officer when

72 he or she advances from one rank to another: *Provided, however,* That any Natural Resources
73 Police Officer who receives an increase in compensation pursuant to the amendment and
74 reenactment of this section in 2011 shall not receive any across-the-board pay increase granted
75 by the Legislature or the Governor in 2011.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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