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AN ACT to amend and reenact §8-14-24 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing that a retiring municipal police officer may keep his or her service revolver at no charge; and providing exceptions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §8-14-24 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 14. LAW AND ORDER; POLICE FORCE OR DEPARTMENTS; POWERS, AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AND POLICEMEN; POLICE MATRONS; SPECIAL SCHOOL ZONE AND PARKING LOT OR PARKING BUILDING POLICE OFFICERS; CIVIL SERVICE FOR CERTAIN POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

§8-14-24. Right to receive complete standard uniform; right to acquire badge; and right to keep service revolver.

1 (a) A police officer, upon honorable retirement, is
2 authorized to maintain at his or her own cost a complete
3 standard uniform from the law-enforcement agency of which
4 he or she was a member, and shall be issued an identification
5 card indicating his or her honorable retirement from the law-
6 enforcement agency. The uniform may be worn by the
7 officer in retirement only on the following occasions: Police
8 Officer's Memorial Day, Law-Enforcement Appreciation
9 Day, at the funeral of a law-enforcement officer or during
10 any other police ceremony. The honorably retired officer is
11 authorized to acquire a badge of the law-enforcement agency
12 from which he or she is retired with the word "retired" placed
13 on it.

14 (b) Upon retirement, a police officer is entitled to keep,
15 without charge, his or her service revolver, after a
16 determination by the chief of police:

17 (1) That the police officer is retiring honorably with at
18 least twenty years of recognized law-enforcement service; or

19 (2) That the police officer is retiring with less than twenty
20 years of service and that he or she is totally physically
21 disabled as a result of service as a police officer.

22 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of
23 this section, the chief of police may not award a service
24 revolver to any police officer who has been declared mentally
25 incompetent by a licensed physician or a court of law, or
26 who, in the opinion of the chief of police, constitutes a
27 danger to any person or the community.

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



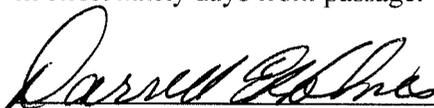
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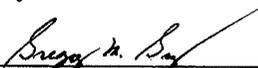
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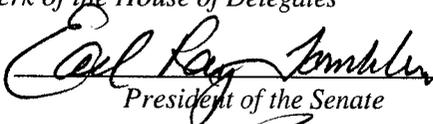
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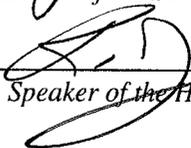
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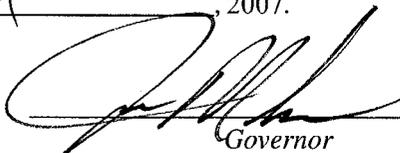


President of the Senate



Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 22nd
day of March, 2007.



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