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AN ACT to amend and reenact §15-2-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
to allowing off duty members and officers of the State Police to contract to work for a
private person or entity during off duty hours as long as the type of the contract work does
not violate State Police rules as to location or nature.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

#### **ARTICLE 2. WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE.**

# §15-2-18. Officers or members failure to perform duties; general penalty; providing extraordinary police or security services by contract.

1 (a) Any officer or member of the State Police who demands or receives from any person, 2 firm or corporation any money or other thing of value as a consideration for the performance of, 3 or the failure to perform, his or her duties under the rules of the superintendent and the provisions 4 of this article, is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in a 5 correctional facility for not less than one nor more than five years, and any such officer or member 6 of the State Police who violates any other provisions of this article, for which no other penalty is 7 expressly provided, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not 8 less than \$25 nor more than \$200, or confined in jail for not more than four months, or both fined 9 and confined.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article to the contrary, the superintendent 11 may contract with public, guasi-public, military, or private entities to provide extraordinary police 12 or security services by the State Police when it is determined by the superintendent to be in the 13 public interest. The superintendent shall assign the personnel, equipment, or facilities he or she 14 considers necessary and the State Police shall be reimbursed for the wages, overtime wages, 15 benefits, and costs of providing the contract services as negotiated between the parties. The 16 compensation paid to State Police personnel by virtue of contracts provided for in this section 17 shall be paid from a special account and shall be excluded from any formulation used to calculate an employee's benefits. All requests for obtaining extraordinary police or security services shall 18

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19 be made to the superintendent in writing and shall explain the funding source and the authority 20 for making the request. An officer or member of the State Police may not be required to accept 21 any assignment made pursuant to this subsection. Every officer or member assigned to duty 22 under this section shall be paid according to the hours and overtime hours actually worked 23 notwithstanding that officer's or member's status as exempt personnel under the Federal Labor 24 Standards Act or applicable state statutes. Every contract entered into under this subsection shall 25 contain the provision that in the event of public disaster or emergency where the reassignment to 26 official duty of all officers and members is required, neither the State Police nor any of its officers 27 or members are liable for any damages incurred as the result of the reassignment. Further, any 28 entity contracting with the State Police, an officer, or member under this section shall also agree 29 as part of that contract to hold harmless and indemnify the state, State Police and its personnel 30 from any liability arising out of employment under the contract. The superintendent may propose 31 legislative rules for promulgation in accordance with §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code, relating to the 32 implementation of any contracts made under this subsection: Provided, That the rules shall 33 expressly prohibit private employment of officers or members in circumstances involving labor 34 disputes. Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, an officer or member may 35 contract to work for a private person or entity during his or her off duty hours: Provided, however, 36 That the contract work may not be a type prohibited by this code or the rules of the State Police 37 on the locations and the nature of services provided.

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

Chairman, House Committee Chairman, Senate Committee 2018 MAR 22 Member Originating in the House. In effect ninety days from passage. υ Ġц Clerk of the House of Delegates . . . . . . . . . . Clerk of the Senate 11 Speaker of the House of Delegates . . . . . . . . . . . President of the Senate The within LD approved .... this the .... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . anch day of ..... 2018. overnor

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