

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2025 REGULAR SESSION**

**ENROLLED**

## **House Bill 3515**

BY DELEGATES AKERS AND MAYNOR

[Passed April 10, 2025; in effect 90 days from  
passage (July 9, 2025)]



1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §15-2-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to appointment of officers of the West Virginia State Police; and increasing the number of  
3 principal supervisors to 20.

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

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

### **§15-2-4. Appointment of commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers, other members; temporary and permanent positions.**

1 (a) The superintendent shall appoint, from the enlisted membership of the State Police, a  
2 deputy superintendent who shall hold the rank of lieutenant colonel and be next in authority to the  
3 superintendent. The superintendent shall appoint, from the enlisted membership of the State  
4 Police, the number of other officers and members he or she considers necessary to operate and  
5 maintain the executive offices, training school and forensic laboratory; and to keep records  
6 relating to crimes and criminals, coordinate traffic safety activities, maintain a system of supplies  
7 and accounting and perform other necessary services.

8 (b) The ranks within the membership of the State Police shall be colonel, lieutenant  
9 colonel, major, captain, first lieutenant, second lieutenant, first sergeant, sergeant, corporal,  
10 trooper first class, senior trooper, trooper or cadet trooper. Each member while in uniform shall  
11 wear the insignia of rank as provided by law and written State Police policies. Members assigned  
12 to the forensic laboratory shall hold the title of trooper, be classified as criminalists and wear the  
13 insignia of classification as provided by written State Police policies.

14 The superintendent may appoint from the membership of the State Police 20 principal  
15 supervisors who shall receive the compensation and hold the temporary rank of lieutenant  
16 colonel, major or captain at the will and pleasure of the superintendent. The superintendent may  
17 also appoint from the membership of the executive protection section of the State Police two  
18 additional supervisors who shall receive the compensation and hold the temporary rank of first  
19 lieutenant and serve at the will and pleasure of the superintendent. Appointments are exempt

20 from any eligibility requirements established by the career progression system: *Provided, That*  
21 any member appointed from within the executive protection section of the State Police to the  
22 temporary rank of first lieutenant must have completed a minimum of two years service within the  
23 executive protection section prior to becoming eligible for such appointment. Any person  
24 appointed to a temporary rank under the provisions of this article remains eligible for promotion  
25 or reclassification under the provisions of the career progression system if his or her permanent  
26 rank is below that of first lieutenant. Upon the termination of a temporary appointment by the  
27 superintendent, the member may not be reduced to a rank or classification below his or her  
28 permanent rank or classification, unless the reduction results from disciplinary action, and remains  
29 eligible for subsequent appointment to a temporary rank.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Clerk of the House of Delegates*

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*Clerk of the Senate*

Originated in the House of Delegates.

In effect 90 days from passage.

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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*President of the Senate*

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Day of ....., 2025.

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*Governor*