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AN ACT

Reorganizing the Department of State Police creating therein a Bureau of Fire Protection providing for a State Police force and defining the powers and duties of the same including the enforcement of laws relating to game fish forestry and water supply and certain other laws and including the collection of information useful for the detection of crime and the apprehension of criminals providing for the equipment maintenance and transportation of such police barracks and sub-stations therefor and medical attention for men injured and funeral expenses to men killed in line of duty and prescribing penalties

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*
4 a Department of State Police is hereby created the head
5 of which shall be a superintendent

1 Section 2 The superintendent shall be appointed by
2 the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the
3 Senate He shall receive an annual salary of six thou-
4 sand dollars and shall give a bond to the Commonwealth
5 in the sum of twenty thousand dollars conditioned for
6 the faithful performance of his duties

7 Section 3 The superintendent shall appoint with the
8 approval of the Governor a deputy superintendent who
9 shall receive an annual salary of four thousand dollars
10 The deputy shall possess all the powers of the superin-
11 tendent and shall act as the head of the department in
12 the absence or incapacity of the superintendent The
13 deputy shall perform such duties as the superintendent
14 may prescribe He shall give bond in like amount and
15 condition as the superintendent

16 Section 4 A Bureau of Fire Protection is hereby
17 created in the Department of State Police the head of
18 which shall be a chief He shall be appointed by the
19 superintendent and shall have charge of the bureau sub-
20 ject to the direction supervision and control of such su-
21 perintendent

22 The chief shall receive an annual salary of four
23 thousand dollars He shall perform such duties as the
24 superintendent may prescribe

25 Section 5 The superintendent may appoint and fix
26 the compensation of a statistician a chief clerk and such
27 other expert and clerical assistants as the work of the
28 department may require

1 Section 6 The Superintendent of State Police is au-
2 thorized to appoint the State Police Force which shall
3 consist of five troops each consisting of a captain at a
4 salary of twenty-four hundred dollars per annum a lieu-
5 tenant at a salary of eighteen hundred dollars per an-
6 num a first sergeant at a salary of fifteen hundred
7 dollars per annum five sergeants each at a salary of
8 thirteen hundred and eighty dollars per annum ten cor-
9 porals each at a salary of thirteen hundred and twenty
10 dollars per annum one of whom shall be a saddler and
11 one a blacksmith and sixty-five privates each at a salary
12 of twelve hundred dollars per annum

13 Section 7 The members of the State Police force
14 shall be enlisted for a period of two years and the
15 officers and enlisted men of the State Police force shall
16 receive an increase of sixty dollars per annum during
17 continuous service after two years and an additional in-
18 crease of sixty dollars per annum during continuous serv-
19 ice after four years providing that this section shall not
20 apply to the superintendent and deputy superintendent of
21 the Department of State Police

22 Section 8 No applicant shall be appointed to the
23 State Police force until he has satisfactorily passed a
24 physical and mental examination based upon the standard
25 provided by the rules and regulations of the police force
26 of the cities of the first class in addition to which
27 each applicant must be a citizen of the United States and
28 of sound constitution able to ride of good moral character
29 and between the ages of twenty-one and forty years

1 Section 9 It shall be the duty of the superintendent
2 of State Police to provide for the members of the
3 police force suitable uniforms arms equipments and where
4 it is deemed necessary horses and motor vehicles and to
5 make such rules and regulations subject to the approval
6 of the Governor as are deemed necessary for the control
7 and regulation of the police force It shall also be the
8 duty of the superintendent to establish local headquarters
9 in various places For that purpose he is hereby au-
10 thorized to do so by lease or otherwise so as best to
11 distribute the force throughout the various sections of the
12 Commonwealth where they will be most efficient in carry-
13 ing out the purposes of this act to preserve the peace
14 and to prevent and detect crime

15 Section 10 The various members of the State Police
16 are hereby authorized and empowered to make arrests
17 without warrant for all violations of the law which they
18 may witness and to serve and execute warrants issued
19 by the proper local authorities They shall have all the pow-
20 ers and prerogatives conferred by law upon members of
21 the police force of cities of the first class and upon
22 constables of the Commonwealth

23 Section 11 It shall be the duty of the Department
24 of State Police to aid in the enforcement of all laws
25 relating to game fish forestry and water supply Members
26 of the State Police force are authorized and empowered
27 to act as game protectors and as forest fish or fire
28 wardens

1 Section 12 For the better performance of the duties
2 imposed by the preceding section all members of the
3 State Police shall in addition to the powers hereinbefore
4 conferred have authority to

5 (a) Seize all guns boats decoys traps dogs game
6 fish shooting paraphernalia or hunting or fishing appliances
7 or devices used taken or had in possession contrary to
8 law of this State Any articles so seized shall be held
9 subject to such disposition as the Commissioners of Fish-
10 eries or the Chief Game Protector or the Commissioner of
11 Conservation in the event of the creation of a Depart-
12 ment of Conservation may determine

13 (b) Seize and take possession of all birds animals
14 or fish which have been taken caught or killed or had
15 in possession or under control or which have been ship-
16 ped or are about to be shipped contrary to any law
17 of this State

18 (c) Search without warrant any boat conveyance ve-
19 hicle or receptacle when there is good rason to believe
20 that any law has been violated the enforcement or ad-
21 ministration of which is imposed on or vested in the
22 Department of Fisheries or the Board of Game Commis-
23 sioners or on or in a Department of Conservation

24 (d) Serve subpoenas issued for any examination in-
25 vestigation or trial had pursuant to any law as afore-
26 said

27 (e) Purchase game or fish for the purpose of secur-
28 ing evidence

1 Section 13 The State Police with the approval of
2 the Governor may be called upon by any other depart-
3 ment of the State Government to enforce all laws ap-
4 plicable or pertaining to such department or any regula-
5 tion thereof

6 Section 14 The Department of State Police shall
7 whenever possible cooperate with counties and municipalities
8 in the detection of crime the apprehension of criminals
9 and preservation of law and order throughout the State

10 Section 15 The Department of State Police shall
11 collect and classify and keep at all times available com-
12 plete information useful for the detection of crime and
13 the identification and apprehension of criminals Such in-
14 formation shall be available for all police officers within
15 the Commonwealth under such regulations as the depart-
16 ment may prescribe

17 Any person who removes destroys or mutilates any
18 such records is guilty of a misdemeanor and on convic-
19 tion shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one
20 hundred dollars or committed to the county jail for a
21 term not exceeding one year or both

22 Section 16 The Board of Commissioners of Public
23 Grounds and Buildings shall provide suitable offices and
24 furnish the necessary equipment and supplies

25 The necessary printing and binding shall be done by
26 the Department of Public Printing and Binding on re-
27 quisition of the superintendent

28 Section 17 The Department of State Police shall
29 make a biennial report to the Governor The report shall

1 contain a complete summary of the work of the depart-
2 ment and such other matters as the Governor may re-
3 quire

4 Section 18 To provide quarters and stables for the
5 additional troop of State Police provided for in this act
6 the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings shall erect
7 on the grounds of the State Arsenal or other suitable
8 place in or near the city of Harrisburg a barracks
9 properly equipped for the quartering of the men and
10 stables adjacent thereto for the horses,

11 Section 19 This act shall take effect on the
12 first day of June one thousand nine hundred and nine-
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14 Section 20 All acts or parts of acts inconsistent
15 with this act are hereby repealed