any time one thousand nine hundred (1900) persons: And provided further, That State policemen, both officers and men, assigned to duty with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, shall not be counted in determining the total number of officers and men in the State Police Force.

The members of the State Police Force and the chiefs, statisticians, clerks, experts, and other assistants, engaged in the work of the Pennsylvania State Police shall be appointed by the commissioner, and shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the commissioner, with the approval of the Governor, which compensation shall, however, conform to the standards established by the Executive Board.

Any member of the Pennsylvania State Police, except the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, regardless of rank, who has attained or who shall attain the age of sixty years, shall resign from membership in the said police force: Provided, however, That the provision of this paragraph shall not apply to members of the State Police Force who upon attaining the age of sixty years shall have less than twenty years of service. Upon completion of twenty years of service, the provision of this paragraph shall become applicable to such persons.

Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1958. Effective date.

APPROVED—The 10th day of July, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 361

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 2, 1945 (P. L. 382), entitled "An act providing for the incorporation as bodies corporate and politic of 'Authorities' for municipalities, counties and townships; prescribing the rights, powers and duties of such Authorities heretofore or hereafter incorporated; authorizing such Authorities to acquire, construct, improve, maintain and operate projects, and to borrow money and issue bonds therefor; providing for the payment of such bonds, and prescribing the rights of the holders thereof; conferring the right of eminent domain on such Authorities; authorizing such Authorities to enter into contracts with and to accept grants from the Federal Government or any agency thereof; and conferring exclusive jurisdiction on certain courts over rates," eliminating the requirement of recording certificates upon the withdrawal from or joinder in Joint Authorities or upon the amendment of articles of incorporation, and extending the provisions for conveyances subject to liabilities by county Authorities to include all established projects.

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Municipality Authorities Act of 1945.

Subsection C, section 3.1, act of May 2, 1945, P. L. 382, amended

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Subsection C of section 3.1, act of May 2, 1945 (P. L. 382), known as the "Municipality Authorities Act of 1945," is amended to read:

Section 3.1. Municipalities Withdrawing from and Joining in Joint Authorities.—

C. If the Secretary of the Commonwealth finds that the application conforms to law he shall, forthwith, but not prior to the day specified in the notice, endorse his approval thereon, and when all proper fees and charges have been paid, shall file the same and issue a certificate of withdrawal, or a certificate of joinder, as the case may be, to which shall be attached a copy of the approved application. The withdrawal or joining shall become effective upon the issuing of such certificate [, and the recording thereof in the office of the recorder of deeds of the county. Where the project of a joint Authority is located in more than one county the certificate shall be recorded in the county where the principal office is located].

Section 2. Subparagraph (2) of subsection C of sec-(2), subsection (2), section 3.2 of said act, added April 26, 1949 (P. L. 761), the act, added is amended to read. is amended to read:

Section 3.2. Amendment of Articles.—

After an amendment has been adopted by the С. municipality or municipalities, articles of amendment shall be executed under the seal of the Authority and verified by two duly authorized officers of the corporation and shall set forth :----

(2) The act of Assembly under which the Authority was formed and the date when [, and the place where,] the original articles were [recorded] approved and filed:

Section 3. Subsection C of section 18 of said act. added June 12, 1947 (P. L. 571), is amended to read:

Section 18. Conveyance by Authorities to Municipalities or School Districts of Established Projects.--

Whenever an Authority has heretofore been С. formed by any county for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining or operating [water works, water supply works, or water distribution systems] any project for the benefit of any one or more but not all of the cities, boroughs, towns and townships of the county, such county Authority may with the ap-

Subparagraph April 26, 1949, P. L. 761, further amended.

Subsection C, section 18 of the act, added June 12, 1947, P. L. 571, further amended.

proval of the board of county commissioners of the county, convey any such project to the cities, boroughs, towns or townships, or any of them, for the benefit of which the project was acquired, constructed, improved, maintained or operated, or to any Authority or Authorities organized by such cities, boroughs, towns or townships, or any of them for the purpose of taking over such project. All such conveyances shall be made subject to any and all obligations incurred by such county Authority with respect to the project or projects conveyed.

APPROVED—The 10th day of July, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 362

AN ACT

Regulating the use of explosives in certain blasting operations; requiring examination and licensing of certain explosives' detonators and prescribing the fee thereof; and conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Definitions.—As used in this act—

(1) "Explosives" mean any chemical compound or other substance intended for the purpose of producing an explosion, or that contains oxidizing and combustible units or other ingredients in such proportions or quantities that ignition by detonation may produce an explosion, capable of causing injury to persons or damage to property.

(2) "Blasting Operation" means the use of explosives in the blasting of stone, rock, ore or any other natural formation, or in any construction or demolition work in which six or more employes are engaged, but shall not include its use in agricultural operations or in anthracite or bituminous coal mines or strip mining operations.

(3) "Blaster" means a person licensed to fire or detonate explosives in blasting operations.

Section 2. Examination and Licensing of Blasters; Fees.—No person shall detonate explosives in any blasting operation unless he has passed an examination, prescribed by the Department of Labor and Industry, which shall test the examinee's skill and knowledge of the principles and practice of blasting operations and the storage, moving, handling and detonation of explo-

Examination, license and fee required by blasters.

Definitions.

Use of explo-