

No. 1986-129

AN ACT

HB 1337

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," establishing a system of information for the Pennsylvania State Police regarding crimes resulting from intergroup tensions.

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

Section 1. Section 710 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, amended April 28, 1943 (P.L.94, No.52) and June 25, 1947 (P.L.935, No.390), is amended to read:

Section 710. Pennsylvania State Police.—The Pennsylvania State Police shall have the power and its duty shall be:

(a) Subject to any inconsistent provisions in this act contained, to continue to exercise the powers and perform the duties by law vested in and imposed upon the Department of State Police, the Pennsylvania State Police, the State Highway Patrol, and the Pennsylvania Motor Police;

(b) To assist the Governor in the administration and enforcement of the laws of the Commonwealth, in such manner, at such times, and in such places, as the Governor may from time to time request;

(c) With the approval of the Governor, to assist any administrative department, board, or commission, of the State Government, to enforce the laws applicable or appertaining to such department, board, or commission, or any organization thereof;

(d) Whenever possible, to cooperate with counties and municipalities in the detection of crime, the apprehension of criminals, and the preservation of law and order throughout the State;

(e) To aid in the enforcement of all laws relating to game, fish, forests, and waters;

(f) To collect and classify, and keep at all times available, complete information useful for the detection of crime, and the identification and apprehension of criminals. Such information shall be available for all police

officers within the Commonwealth, under such regulations as the Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police may prescribe;

(g) To enforce the laws regulating the use of the highways of this Commonwealth, and to assist *the Department of Transportation* and the Department of Revenue in the collection of motor license fees, fees for titling vehicles and tractors, operators' license fees, the tax on cigarettes, and the tax on liquid fuels, and the issuance of certificates of title and motor and operators' licenses;

(h) To search without warrant any boat, conveyance, vehicle or receptacle, or any place of business when there is good reason to believe that any law has been violated, the enforcement or administration of which is imposed or vested in the Department of Revenue[.];

(i) To collect information relating to crimes and incidents related to the race, color, religion or national origin of individuals or groups, which shall be reported monthly by all local law enforcement agencies and the State Fire Marshal. Any information, records and statistics collected in accordance with this subsection shall be available for use by any agency required to furnish information, to the extent that such information is reasonably necessary or useful to such agency in carrying out the duties imposed on it by law. The Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police may, by regulation, establish such conditions for the use or availability of such information as may be necessary to its preservation, the protection of confidential information, or the circumstances of a pending prosecution.

Section 2. This amendatory act shall be known as the Ethnic Intimidation Statistics Collection Act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 1987.

APPROVED—The 3rd day of October, A. D. 1986.

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