

No. 1994-113

AN ACT

HB 1044

Amending the act of June 18, 1974 (P.L.359, No.120), entitled "An act creating the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission; providing for the commission's membership, selection, compensation, and removal; providing for the powers and duties of the commission; providing for the appointment and duties of the chairman; providing for the act's applicability to the civil service laws; requiring training by certain political subdivisions and police departments; providing penalties for violation thereof; and making an appropriation," further defining "police officer" and "police department"; and further providing for the powers and duties of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, for the certification of deputy sheriffs in counties of the second class and for the payment of certain costs by counties of the second class.

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

Section 1. Section 2(3) and (4) of the act of June 18, 1974 (P.L.359, No.120), referred to as the Municipal Police Education and Training Law, amended December 20, 1984 (P.L.1197, No.227), are amended to read:

Section 2. Definitions.—As used in this act:

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(3) "Police officer" means any full-time or part-time employe, of a city, borough, town, township or county police department assigned to criminal and/or traffic law enforcement duties, *any deputy sheriff of a county of the second class* and for the purpose of training only, security officers of first class city housing authority, but shall exclude persons employed to check parking meters and/or to perform only administrative duties, auxiliary and fire police.

(4) "Police department" means any public agency of a political subdivision having general police powers and charged with making arrests in connection with the enforcement of the criminal and/or traffic laws, *including the sheriff's office in counties of the second class*.

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Section 2. Section 9.1 of the act, added December 21, 1988 (P.L.1865, No.180), is amended to read:

Section 9.1. Automatic Certification.—(a) All municipal police officers, *including deputy sheriffs in counties of the second class*, hired prior to June 18, 1974, shall be automatically certified for basic training but shall be required to complete the in-service training as set forth in section 5(7).

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(c) *Deputy sheriffs in counties of the second class who have successfully completed the basic training course under this act prior to the*

effective date of this subsection shall be assigned a certification number under this act.

Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 10.1. Payment of Certain County Costs.—Counties of the second class shall be liable for costs incurred for the certification of deputy sheriffs. The costs shall not exceed the sum per police officer assessed against municipalities.

Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 7th day of December, A.D. 1994.

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