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INTRODUCED BY MAIALE, O'DONNELL, SALVATORE AND BELOFF,
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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, NOVEMBER 28, 1984

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 18, 1974 (P.L.359, No.120), entitled
2 "An act creating the Municipal Police Officers' Education and
3 Training Commission; providing for the commission's
4 membership, selection, compensation, and removal; providing
5 for the powers and duties of the commission; providing for
6 the appointment and duties of the chairman; providing for the
7 act's applicability to the civil service laws; requiring
8 training by certain political subdivisions and police
9 departments; providing penalties for violation thereof; and
10 making an appropriation," including first class cities within
11 the act. ~~and making appropriations.~~ <—

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

14 Section 1. Section 2(3) and (6) of the act of June 18, 1974
15 (P.L.359, No.120), referred to as the Municipal Police Education
16 and Training Law, clause (3) amended October 5, 1980 (P.L.692,
17 No.141), are amended to read:

18 Section 2. Definitions.--As used in this act:

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20 (3) "Police officer" means any full-time or part-time
21 employe, of a city, [other than a city of the first class,]

1 borough, town, township or county police department assigned to
2 criminal and/or traffic law enforcement duties, and for the
3 purpose of training only, security officers of first class city
4 housing authority, but shall exclude persons employed to check
5 parking meters and/or to perform only administrative duties,
6 auxiliary and fire police.

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8 (6) "Political subdivision" means any county, city, [other
9 than a city of the first class,] borough, incorporated town or
10 township.

11 Section 2. Section 4(a) of the act, amended December 22,
12 1981 (P.L.523, No.146), is amended to read:

13 Section 4. Commission Members; Selection, Compensation and
14 Removal.--(a) The commission shall be composed of [eighteen]
15 nineteen members as follows:

16 (1) The Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs.

17 (2) The Attorney General of the Commonwealth.

18 (3) The Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police, who
19 shall serve as chairman of the commission.

20 (4) A member of the Senate of Pennsylvania, to be appointed
21 by the President pro tempore of the Senate.

22 (5) A member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives,
23 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

24 (6) Four elected officials of the various political
25 subdivisions of the Commonwealth, to be appointed by the
26 Governor; one to be a borough official, one a first class
27 township official, one a second class township official, and one
28 a city official.

29 (7) Four incumbent chiefs of police from the various
30 political subdivisions of the Commonwealth, to be appointed by

1 the Governor; at least one to be a chief of a borough police
2 department, at least one to be a chief of a township police
3 department, at least one to be a chief of a city police
4 department.

5 (8) One Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent-in-
6 charge to be appointed by the Governor.

7 (9) One educator qualified in the field of law enforcement,
8 to be appointed by the Governor.

9 (10) One member representing the public at large, to be
10 appointed by the Governor.

11 (11) Two noncommissioned police officers to be appointed by
12 the Governor.

13 (12) The police commissioner of a city of the first class or
14 his designee.

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16 Section 3. The training requirements of the act of June 18,
17 1974 (P.L.359, No.120), referred to as the Municipal Police
18 Education and Training Law, shall not apply to any police
19 officer in the employment of a city of the first class on
20 January 1, 1984, which officers shall be considered to be
21 certified under section 9 of that act.

22 ~~Section 4. The sum of \$1,905,000, or as much thereof as may~~ <—
23 ~~be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year July 1,~~
24 ~~1984 to June 30, 1985 to the Pennsylvania State Police for~~
25 ~~reimbursement to cities of the first class for the minimum~~
26 ~~courses of study and training established by the Municipal~~
27 ~~Police Officers' Education and Training Commission for all~~
28 ~~classes conducted between January 1, 1984 and June 30, 1985.~~

29 ~~Section 5. The sum of \$556,000, or as much thereof as may be~~
30 ~~necessary, is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year July 1,~~

1 ~~1984 to June 30, 1985 to the Pennsylvania State Police for~~
2 ~~inservice training grants to cities of the first class approved~~
3 ~~by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training~~
4 ~~Commission covering the time period between January 1, 1984 and~~
5 ~~June 30, 1985.~~

6 Section ~~6~~ 4. This act shall be retroactive to January 1, <—
7 1984. It shall apply to any police officers of cities of the
8 first class in a BASIC AND IN-SERVICE training class which <—
9 commenced after January 1, 1984.

10 Section ~~7~~ 5. This act shall take effect immediately. <—