

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY THOMAS AND RICHARDSON, MAY 13, 1992

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 13, 1992

AN ACT

1 Providing for the promulgation of guidelines governing requests
2 by municipal law enforcement agencies for assistance from the
3 Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania National
4 Guard.

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

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Municipal Law
9 Enforcement Assistance Act.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Municipality." A county, city, borough, incorporated town,
15 township, home rule municipality or a municipal authority. The
16 term includes a law enforcement agency operated by any of these
17 municipalities.

18 "National Guard." The Pennsylvania National Guard.

1 "State Police." The Pennsylvania State Police.

2 Section 3. Guidelines for certain law enforcement assistance.

3 (a) Requests for certain assistance.--The Attorney General,
4 with the assistance of the Department of Community Affairs, the
5 Adjutant General and the Commissioner of the State Police shall
6 devise and promulgate regulations which shall govern requests by
7 municipalities made to the State Police or the National Guard
8 for the use of explosives, military equipment or aircraft for
9 law enforcement purposes.

10 (b) Content of regulations.--These regulations shall
11 address, but shall not be limited to, the following:

12 (1) The appropriateness of the equipment or assistance
13 requested in relation to its proposed use.

14 (2) Any possible detrimental effects of the use of such
15 equipment upon the local community.

16 (3) A balancing of possible risks versus probable
17 benefits to be achieved.

18 (4) Alternative, less forceful methods to achieve the
19 same result.

20 Section 4. Effective date.

21 This act shall take effect immediately.