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PETRONE, SOLOBAY, TANGRETTI AND THOMAS, JUNE 18, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 18, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further defining "police department"
3 and "police officer" for purposes of municipal police
4 training and education.

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

7 Section 1. The definitions of "police department" and
8 "police officer" in section 2162 of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

10 § 2162. Definitions.

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

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15 "Police department." Any of the following:

16 (1) A public agency of a political subdivision having
17 general police powers and charged with making arrests in
18 connection with the enforcement of the criminal or traffic

1 laws. This paragraph includes the sheriff's office in a
2 county of the second class.

3 (2) A campus police or university police department, as
4 used in section 2416 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,
5 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, certified
6 by the Office of Attorney General as a criminal justice
7 agency under the definition of "criminal justice agency" in
8 18 Pa.C.S. § 9102 (relating to definitions). This paragraph
9 does not include a campus police or university police
10 department of the State System of Higher Education and its
11 member institutions.

12 (3) A railroad or street railway police department
13 formed with officers commissioned under 22 Pa.C.S. Ch. 33
14 (relating to railroad and street railway police) or any prior
15 statute providing for such commissioning.

16 (4) The Capitol Police.

17 (5) The Harrisburg International Airport Police.

18 (6) An airport authority police department.

19 (7) A county park police department.

20 "Police officer." Any of the following:

21 (1) A full-time or part-time employee assigned to
22 criminal or traffic law enforcement duties of any of the
23 following:

24 (i) A police department of a county, city, borough,
25 town or township.

26 (ii) Any railroad or street railway police.

27 (iii) Any campus or university police department.

28 (iv) The Capitol Police.

29 (v) The Harrisburg International Airport Police.

30 (vi) An airport authority police department.

1 (2) A deputy sheriff of a county of the second class.

2 (3) A security officer of a first class city housing
3 authority or a police officer of a second class city housing
4 authority.

5 (4) A county park police officer.

6 The term excludes persons employed to check parking meters or to
7 perform only administrative duties and auxiliary and fire
8 police.

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10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.