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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, imposing a fee for service on  
3 municipalities for patrol services provided by the  
4 Pennsylvania State Police; providing for allocation of funds,  
5 for fees for intermunicipal police response, for patrol  
6 responsibility and for penalties; establishing the Regional  
7 Police Assistance Fund and the Cadet Training Fund; providing  
8 for powers and duties of the Center for Local Government  
9 Services in the Department of Community and Economic  
10 Development and the Pennsylvania State Police; and making  
11 appropriations.

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

14 Section 1. Title 44 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
15 Statutes is amended by adding chapters to read:

16 Chapter

17 25. Municipal Patrol Services

18 41. Miscellaneous Provisions

19 CHAPTER 25

20 MUNICIPAL PATROL SERVICES

21 Sec.

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12 § 2501. Scope of chapter.

13 This chapter relates to municipal patrol services.

14 § 2502. Definitions.

15 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
16 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
17 context clearly indicates otherwise:

18 "Commissioner." The Commissioner of Pennsylvania State  
19 Police.

20 "Local full-time patrol services." Patrol services provided  
21 by a municipality for a period of 24 hours a day, seven days a  
22 week.

23 "Local part-time patrol services." Patrol services provided  
24 by a municipality for a period of less than 24 hours a day and  
25 less than seven days a week.

26 "Patrol services." Police services provided to protect  
27 public safety by maintaining order, protecting people and  
28 property and enforcing motor vehicle and criminal laws, by  
29 routine visits through a municipality.

30 "Pennsylvania State Police full-time patrol services."

1 Patrol services provided by the Pennsylvania State Police which  
2 are the primary police services for a municipality.

3 "Pennsylvania State Police part-time patrol services."

4 Patrol services provided by the Pennsylvania State Police which  
5 supplement the local part-time patrol services provided in the  
6 municipality.

7 § 2503. Pennsylvania State Police full-time patrol services  
8 fee.

9 (a) Requirement.--Each municipality that receives  
10 Pennsylvania State Police full-time patrol services shall pay  
11 the fee for service under subsection (b) for the Pennsylvania  
12 State Police full-time patrol services provided in the previous  
13 calendar year if it meets the following criteria:

14 (1) Does not provide its own local full-time patrol  
15 services.

16 (2) Does not participate in a regional police force for  
17 local full-time patrol services.

18 (3) Does not contract with another municipality for  
19 local full-time patrol services.

20 (b) Amount.--A fee for service shall be paid by a  
21 municipality under subsection (a) as follows:

22 (1) For the first year of service, the fee for service  
23 shall be \$52 per resident per year.

24 (2) For the second year of service, the fee for service  
25 shall be \$104 per resident per year.

26 (3) For the third and subsequent years of service, the  
27 fee for service shall be \$156 per resident per year.

28 (c) Elimination.--A municipality that provides local full-  
29 time patrol services and subsequently eliminates the services  
30 shall be assessed at a fee for service of \$156 per resident per

1 year.

2 (d) Determination and payment.--

3 (1) The commissioner shall determine whether a  
4 municipality provides local full-time patrol services and  
5 shall maintain a list of those municipalities, which shall be  
6 made available to municipal officials.

7 (2) The commissioner shall submit an invoice by February  
8 1 to each municipality determined under paragraph (1) for  
9 Pennsylvania State Police full-time patrol services provided  
10 in the preceding calendar year. The fee for service shall be  
11 paid on a quarterly basis in equal installments to the  
12 Commonwealth. The population figures for each municipality  
13 used by the commissioner shall be based upon the most recent  
14 Federal decennial census but shall not include any individual  
15 who is incarcerated or confined in an institution operated by  
16 the Federal Bureau of Prisons, a State correctional facility,  
17 a county correctional facility or a juvenile detention  
18 center.

19 (3) If the commissioner determines that the cost for  
20 providing Pennsylvania State Police patrol services is less  
21 than the fees due by a municipality in the next calendar  
22 year, the commissioner may adjust the fees for service  
23 accordingly.

24 (4) If the commissioner determines that the cost for  
25 providing Pennsylvania State Police patrol services is more  
26 than the fees due by a municipality in a calendar year, the  
27 commissioner may adjust the fees for service for the next  
28 calendar year accordingly, but may not increase the fee more  
29 than 2% for the next calendar year.

30 § 2504. Pennsylvania State Police part-time patrol services

1           fee.

2    (a) Requirement.--

3           (1) Except as set forth in paragraph (2), each  
4    municipality that receives Pennsylvania State Police part-  
5    time patrol services shall pay the fee for service under  
6    subsection (b) for Pennsylvania State Police part-time patrol  
7    services provided in the previous calendar year if the  
8    municipality meets the following criteria:

9           (i) Provides its own local part-time patrol  
10    services.

11          (ii) Participates in a regional police force for  
12    local part-time patrol services.

13          (iii) Contracts with another municipality for local  
14    part-time patrol services.

15    (2) Exemptions.--

16          (i) The following municipalities shall be exempt  
17    from paying a fee for service under paragraph (1):

18           (A) Municipalities with a population of 1,000 or  
19    less that provide or contract for patrol services for  
20    at least 40 hours per week.

21           (B) Municipalities with a population of more  
22    than 1,000 but less than 3,500 that provide or  
23    contract for patrol services for at least 80 hours  
24    per week.

25           (C) Municipalities that provide or contract for  
26    patrol services of an additional 40 hours per week  
27    over 80 hours per week for each 2,500 in population  
28    the municipality has a population of equal to or  
29    greater than 3,500.

30          (ii) A municipality that qualifies for an exemption

1 under subparagraph (i)(C) shall not be considered to  
2 provide local full-time patrol services.

3 (b) Amount.--A fee for service shall be paid by a  
4 municipality under subsection (a) as follows:

5 (1) For the first year of service, the fee for service  
6 shall be \$17 per resident per year.

7 (2) For the second year of service, the fee for service  
8 shall be \$34 per resident per year.

9 (3) For the third and subsequent years of service, the  
10 fee for service shall be \$52 per resident per year.

11 (c) Elimination.--A municipality that provides local part-  
12 time patrol services and subsequently eliminates the services  
13 shall be assessed a fee for service of \$52 per resident per year  
14 for Pennsylvania State Police part-time services.

15 (d) Determination and payment.--

16 (1) The commissioner shall determine whether a  
17 municipality meets the necessary criteria to be considered as  
18 having local part-time patrol services and shall maintain a  
19 list of those municipalities, which shall be made available  
20 to municipal officials.

21 (2) The commissioner shall submit an invoice by February  
22 1 to each municipality determined under paragraph (1) for  
23 Pennsylvania State Police part-time patrol services provided  
24 in the preceding calendar year. The fee for service shall be  
25 paid on a quarterly basis to the Commonwealth. The population  
26 figures for each municipality used by the commissioner shall  
27 be based upon the most recent Federal decennial census, but  
28 shall not include any individual who is incarcerated or  
29 confined in an institution operated by the Federal Bureau of  
30 Prisons, a State correctional facility, a county correctional

1 facility or a juvenile detention center.

2 (3) If the commissioner determines that the cost for  
3 providing Pennsylvania State Police patrol services is less  
4 than the fees due by a municipality in the next calendar  
5 year, the commissioner may adjust the fees for service  
6 accordingly.

7 (4) If the commissioner determines that the cost for  
8 providing Pennsylvania State Police patrol services is more  
9 than the fees due by a municipality in a calendar year, the  
10 commissioner may adjust the fees for service for the next  
11 calendar year accordingly, but may not increase the fee more  
12 than 2% for the next calendar year.

13 § 2505. Reduction or elimination.

14 If a municipality that is paying a fee for service under  
15 section 2503 (relating to Pennsylvania State Police full-time  
16 patrol services fee) or 2504 (relating to Pennsylvania State  
17 Police part-time patrol services fee) institutes police patrol  
18 services sufficient to cause a reduction or elimination in the  
19 fee for service being paid, the municipality shall not be  
20 required to pay the fee for service for the portion of the year  
21 during which the local patrol service is provided.

22 § 2506. Allocation.

23 Funds collected annually under this chapter shall be  
24 deposited into the General Fund for the cost of Pennsylvania  
25 State Police operations.

26 § 2507. Distressed municipalities.

27 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a  
28 municipality that is determined to be distressed under the act  
29 of July 10, 1987 (P.L.246, No.47), known as the Municipalities  
30 Financial Recovery Act, shall not be required to pay the fee for

1 service under this chapter unless the municipality eliminates  
2 local full-time or part-time patrol services after it has been  
3 determined to be distressed under the Municipalities Financial  
4 Recovery Act or within three years prior to its request for  
5 distressed status under the Municipalities Financial Recovery  
6 Act. A municipality that was once classified as distressed under  
7 the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act, but is not currently  
8 deemed distressed by the Department of Community and Economic  
9 Development, shall pay the fees for service under this chapter.  
10 § 2508. Annual reports by Pennsylvania State Police.

11 The commissioner shall prepare and disseminate an annual  
12 report to each municipality paying a fee for service under this  
13 chapter. The report shall include:

14 (1) Total hours patrolled.

15 (2) Dates and times patrolled.

16 (3) Number of incidents to which the Pennsylvania State  
17 Police responded.

18 § 2509. Intermunicipal police response.

19 A municipality or regional police force providing local full-  
20 time or part-time patrol services may levy a per incident or  
21 hourly fee for service on another municipality which does not  
22 have patrol services if the municipality or regional police  
23 force is requested by the Pennsylvania State Police to respond  
24 to an incident within the municipality which does not have local  
25 patrol services.

26 § 2510. Penalties.

27 The following shall apply:

28 (1) Any municipality failing to make a payment required  
29 under this chapter shall forfeit all payments to be received  
30 from the Commonwealth until the outstanding balance owed is

1 paid in full.

2 (2) Upon declaration of a local emergency, as defined in  
3 35 Pa.C.S. § 7102 (relating to definitions), a municipality  
4 may request from the commissioner an extension of time for  
5 payment.

6 § 2511. Prohibition.

7 The fee for service shall be calculated on a per capita basis  
8 as a method to determine total municipal fees assessed, except  
9 that no tax, fee or other assessment may be levied by a  
10 municipality on a per capita basis for the purpose of funding  
11 the fees under this chapter.

12 § 2512. Applicability.

13 This chapter shall apply to the Pennsylvania State Police  
14 patrol services provided in the calendar year beginning after  
15 the year in which this section takes effect.

16 CHAPTER 41

17 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

18 Sec.

19 4101. Regional police force grants.

20 4102. Cadet Training Fund.

21 § 4101. Regional police force grants.

22 (a) Grant program.--The Center for Local Government Services  
23 in the Department of Community and Economic Development shall  
24 establish a grant program to assist municipalities in  
25 regionalizing their police operations.

26 (b) Fund.--The Regional Police Assistance Fund is  
27 established in the State Treasury. All money deposited in the  
28 fund and interest which accrues from those funds are  
29 appropriated on a continuing basis to the Center for Local  
30 Government Services in the Department of Community and Economic

1 Development to be used exclusively for the purposes of providing  
2 grants to municipalities under subsection (a).

3 (c) Regulations.--The Center for Local Government Services  
4 shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement and  
5 administer this section.

6 § 4102. Cadet Training Fund.

7 The Cadet Training Fund is established in the State Treasury.  
8 All money deposited in the fund and interest which accrues from  
9 those funds are appropriated on a continuing basis to the  
10 Pennsylvania State Police to be used exclusively for the purpose  
11 of recruiting, hiring, training and equipping Pennsylvania State  
12 Police cadets.

13 Section 2. Appropriations are as follows:

14 (1) The sum of \$20,000,000, or as much thereof as may be  
15 necessary, is appropriated to the Regional Police Assistance  
16 Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, to  
17 carry out the purposes of 44 Pa.C.S. § 4101.

18 (2) The sum of \$20,000,000, or as much thereof as may be  
19 necessary, is appropriated to the Cadet Training Fund for the  
20 fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, to carry out the  
21 purposes of 44 Pa.C.S. § 4102.

22 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, or  
23 immediately, whichever is later.