

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE REORGANIZED
Act of Jun. 3, 1919, P.L. 366, No. 179
AN ACT

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Reorganizing the Department of State Police; creating therein a Bureau of Fire Protection; providing for a State Police Force, and defining the powers and duties of the same, including the enforcement of laws relating to game, fish, forestry, and water supply, and certain other laws, and including the collection of information useful for the detection of crime, and the apprehension of criminals; providing for the equipment, maintenance, and transportation of such police; providing for barracks and substations therefor; and prescribing penalties.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That a Department of State Police is hereby created, the head of which shall be a superintendent.

Section 2. (2 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 3. (3 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 4. (4 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 5. (5 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 6. The Superintendent of State Police is authorized to appoint the State Police Force, which shall consist of--One school troop consisting of: One captain, at a salary of three thousand dollars per annum; one lieutenant, at a salary of twenty-two hundred dollars per annum; one sergeant, at a salary of seventeen hundred dollars per annum; two corporals, each at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum;--five troops, each consisting of: A captain, at a salary of three thousand dollars per annum; a lieutenant, at a salary of twenty-two hundred dollars per annum; a first sergeant, at a salary of two thousand dollars per annum; five sergeants, each at a salary of seventeen hundred dollars per annum; ten corporals, each at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, one of whom shall be a saddler and one a blacksmith; forty privates first-class, each at a salary of fourteen hundred dollars per annum; and forty privates second-class, each at a salary of ten hundred and eighty dollars per annum; a detective division consisting of: One lieutenant, at a salary of twenty-two hundred dollars per annum; two sergeants, each at a salary of seventeen hundred dollars per annum; and ten detectives, each at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum. No private, now a member of the State Police Force, shall be reduced to the grade of private second-class, and no private second-class shall be promoted to the grade of private first-class until there is a vacancy under the provisions of this act.

(6 amended July 18, 1935, P.L.1169, No.379)

Section 7. The Superintendent of the Pennsylvania State Police shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of four years from the third Tuesday of January next following the election of a Governor and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified. The officers and enlisted men of the

State Police Force shall receive an increase of one hundred and twenty dollars per annum after one year's service, and an additional increase of one hundred and twenty dollars per annum during continuous service for each of the following three years, and an additional increase of sixty dollars per annum during continuous service for each of the following two years:

Provided, That this section shall not apply to the Superintendent of the Pennsylvania State Police and the deputies, chiefs, statisticians, clerks, experts, and other assistants engaged in the work of the Pennsylvania State Police who are not members of the State Police Force, and whose compensation under existing law is fixed by the Superintendent of the Pennsylvania State Police with the approval of the Governor.

(7 amended Oct. 5, 1967, P.L.321, No.140)

Compiler's Note: Section 9(b) of Act 173 of 1978 provided that section 7 is repealed insofar as it is inconsistent with 1 Pa.C.S. § 2301(d) (relating to equality of rights based on sex)..

Section 8. (a) No applicant shall be appointed to the Pennsylvania State Police Force until he has satisfactorily passed a physical and mental examination, based upon the standard provided by the rules and regulations of the police force of the cities of the first class, in addition to which each applicant must be a citizen of the United States, and of sound constitution, able to ride, of good moral character, and between the ages of twenty-one and forty years. ((a) amended May 16, 1945, P.L.583, No.239)

(b) When any person who has been honorably discharged from service in the armed forces of the United States during any war or armed conflict in which the United States was engaged, and has successfully passed the examinations as required by this section, and shall thus establish that he possesses the qualifications required by law for appointment to the Pennsylvania State Police Force, such person's examination shall be marked or graded an additional ten points above the mark or grade credited for the examination, and the total mark or grade thus obtained shall represent the final mark or grade of such person, and shall determine his standing on any eligible list. ((b) amended Aug. 9, 1955, P.L.321, No.120)

(c) When any person who is the child of any State trooper killed in the line of duty has successfully passed the examinations as required by this section, and shall thus establish that he possesses the qualifications required by law for appointment to the Pennsylvania State Police Force, such person's examination shall be marked or graded an additional ten points above the mark or grade credited for the examination, and the total mark or grade thus obtained shall represent the final mark or grade of such person, and shall determine his standing on any eligible list. The preference granted by this subsection shall be available only to persons who are ineligible for the veterans' preference permitted by subsection (b). ((c) added Jul. 9, 1976, P.L.918, No.169)

Section 9. (9 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 10. (10 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 11. (11 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 12. (12 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 13. (13 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 14. (14 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 15. The Department of State Police shall collect and classify and keep at all times available complete information useful for the detection of crime and the identification and apprehension of criminals. Such information shall be available for all police officers within the Commonwealth, under such regulations as the department may prescribe.

Any person who removes, destroys, or mutilates any such records is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or committed to the county jail for a term not exceeding one year, or both.

Section 16. (16 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 17. (17 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 18. (18 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 19. This act shall take effect on the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

Section 20. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.