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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 3, 1985

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,  
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the  
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other  
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and  
20 commissions shall be determined," establishing a system of  
21 information for the Pennsylvania State Police regarding  
22 crimes resulting from intergroup tensions.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. Section 710 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,  
26 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, amended April

1 28, 1943 (P.L.94, No.52) and June 25, 1947 (P.L.935, No.390), is  
2 amended to read:

3 Section 710. Pennsylvania State Police.--The Pennsylvania  
4 State Police shall have the power and its duty shall be:

5 (a) Subject to any inconsistent provisions in this act  
6 contained, to continue to exercise the powers and perform the  
7 duties by law vested in and imposed upon the Department of State  
8 Police, the Pennsylvania State Police, the State Highway Patrol,  
9 and the Pennsylvania Motor Police;

10 (b) To assist the Governor in the administration and  
11 enforcement of the laws of the Commonwealth, in such manner, at  
12 such times, and in such places, as the Governor may from time to  
13 time request;

14 (c) With the approval of the Governor, to assist any  
15 administrative department, board, or commission, of the State  
16 Government, to enforce the laws applicable or appertaining to  
17 such department, board, or commission, or any organization  
18 thereof;

19 (d) Whenever possible, to cooperate with counties and  
20 municipalities in the detection of crime, the apprehension of  
21 criminals, and the preservation of law and order throughout the  
22 State;

23 (e) To aid in the enforcement of all laws relating to game,  
24 fish, forests, and waters;

25 (f) To collect and classify, and keep at all times  
26 available, complete information useful for the detection of  
27 crime, and the identification and apprehension of criminals.  
28 Such information shall be available for all police officers  
29 within the Commonwealth, under such regulations as the  
30 Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police may prescribe;

1 (g) To enforce the laws regulating the use of the highways  
2 of this Commonwealth, and to assist the Department of Revenue in  
3 the collection of motor license fees, fees for titling vehicles  
4 and tractors, operators' license fees, the tax on cigarettes,  
5 and the tax on liquid fuels, and the issuance of certificates of  
6 title and motor and operators' licenses;

7 (h) To search without warrant any boat, conveyance, vehicle  
8 or receptacle, or any place of business when there is good  
9 reason to believe that any law has been violated, the  
10 enforcement or administration of which is imposed or vested in  
11 the Department of Revenue[.];

12 (i) To collect and analyze information relating to incidents  
13 and tension situations related to the race, color, religion or  
14 national origin of individuals or groups, to require such  
15 information from all local law enforcement agencies and from the  
16 State fire marshal for inclusion in its analysis, and to make  
17 monthly reports to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission  
18 of the information and analyses compiled pursuant to this  
19 subsection. Any information, records and statistics collected in  
20 accordance with this subsection shall be available for use by  
21 any agency required to furnish information, to the extent that  
22 such information is reasonably necessary or useful to such  
23 agency in carrying out the duties imposed on it by law. The  
24 Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police may, by rule,  
25 establish such conditions for the use or availability of such  
26 information as may be necessary to its preservation, the  
27 protection of confidential information, or the circumstances of  
28 a pending prosecution.

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