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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 11, 2000

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," providing for Pennsylvania
21 State Police examinations.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. Section 205 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,
25 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by
26 adding a subsection to read:

27 Section 205. Pennsylvania State Police.--(a) The

1 Pennsylvania State Police shall consist of a Commissioner, a
2 Deputy Commissioner, the State police force, and the State
3 Highway Patrol, as now authorized by law, which are hereby
4 consolidated into one force, to be known as the State Police
5 Force, and such chiefs, statisticians, clerks, experts and other
6 assistants, as the commissioner, with the approval of the
7 Governor, shall deem necessary for the work of the force.

8 (b) The State Police Force shall consist of such number of
9 officers and men, and shall be organized in such manner, as the
10 Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police, with the approval of
11 the Governor, shall from time to time determine: Provided,
12 however, That the number of officers and men shall not exceed in
13 the aggregate at any time three thousand nine hundred and forty
14 persons. State policemen, both officers and men, assigned to
15 duty with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission or assigned to
16 duty as resident State troopers, shall not be counted in
17 determining the total number of officers and men in the State
18 Police Force.

19 (c) The members of the State Police Force and the chiefs,
20 statisticians, clerks, experts, and other assistants, engaged in
21 the work of the Pennsylvania State Police shall be appointed by
22 the commissioner, and shall receive such compensation as shall
23 be fixed by the commissioner, with the approval of the Governor,
24 which compensation shall, however, conform to the standards
25 established by the Executive Board.

26 (d) Any member of the Pennsylvania State Police, except the
27 Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, regardless of rank, who
28 has attained or who shall attain the age of sixty years, shall
29 resign from membership in the said police force: Provided,
30 however, That the provision of this paragraph shall not apply to

1 members of the State Police Force who upon attaining the age of
2 sixty years shall have less than twenty years of service. Upon
3 completion of twenty years of service, the provision of this
4 paragraph shall become applicable to such persons.

5 (e) No enlisted member of the Pennsylvania State Police
6 shall be dismissed from service or reduced in rank except by
7 action of a court martial board held upon the recommendation of
8 the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police and the
9 Governor.

10 (f) All new cadets and troopers shall serve a probationary
11 period of eighteen months from date of original enlistment,
12 during which time they may be dismissed by the commissioner for
13 violations of rules and regulations, incompetency, and
14 inefficiency without action of a court-martial board or the
15 right of appeal to a civil court.

16 (g) The Pennsylvania State Police force shall include, but
17 not be limited to, two underwater search teams, one of which
18 shall be in eastern Pennsylvania and one of which shall be in
19 western Pennsylvania.

20 (h) Pennsylvania residency shall not be a requirement for
21 application for the Pennsylvania State Police examination.

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