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AN ACT

1 Establishing a multijurisdictional law enforcement drug task  
2 force for the purpose of preventing the entry of illegal  
3 drugs into Pennsylvania and preventing the movement of  
4 illegal drugs from place to place in Pennsylvania; and  
5 providing for the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania State  
6 Police.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Short title.

10 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Drug Task  
11 Force Act.

12 Section 2. Drug task force established.

13 The Pennsylvania State Police shall establish a  
14 multijurisdictional law enforcement drug task force with the  
15 specific purpose of preventing the entry of illegal drugs into  
16 and preventing the movement of illegal drugs from place to place  
17 in Pennsylvania. The task force shall:

18 (1) Conduct investigations focused on preventing the:

19 (i) Entry of drugs into Pennsylvania through

20 seaports, airports, train and bus stations, highways and

1 other points of entry.

2 (ii) Movement of illegal drugs from place to place  
3 in Pennsylvania, including, but not limited to, the use  
4 of the interstate highway system to transport the illegal  
5 drugs.

6 (2) Work with the United States Postal Service and  
7 private parcel post companies to prevent the shipment of  
8 illegal drugs into and the movement of illegal drugs from  
9 place to place in Pennsylvania.

10 (3) Assist other law enforcement agencies in the  
11 prosecution of crimes uncovered through investigations  
12 conducted by the task force.

13 Section 3. Drug task force membership.

14 The Pennsylvania State Police shall enter into agreements  
15 with the Office of Attorney General and other law enforcement  
16 agencies both within and without Pennsylvania, to serve on the  
17 task force and to cooperate with the Pennsylvania State Police  
18 in investigating activities relating to the entry of illegal  
19 drugs into and the movement of illegal drugs from place to place  
20 in Pennsylvania.

21 Section 4. Powers and duties of Pennsylvania State Police.

22 For the purpose of preventing the entry of illegal drugs into  
23 Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State Police shall have the  
24 following powers and duties:

25 (1) Establish and supervise a multijurisdictional law  
26 enforcement drug task force as provided for in sections 2 and  
27 3.

28 (2) Coordinate the activities of the drug task force  
29 with the activities of other investigative and prosecutory  
30 law enforcement agencies.

1           (3) Direct and supervise the formulation of drug task  
2 force policies and operating procedures.

3           (4) Provide any necessary training for drug task force  
4 members to encourage task force operation as a coordinated  
5 unit.

6           (5) Administer any Federal, State, local or private  
7 appropriations or grant funds made available for the  
8 operation of the task force.

9 Section 5. Effective date.

10 This act shall take effect immediately.