

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 707 Session of
2007

INTRODUCED BY SANTONI, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, CREIGHTON, CURRY,
KIRKLAND, KOTIK, PETRONE, THOMAS, WHEATLEY AND FREEMAN,
MARCH 9, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 9, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act relating to counties of the first, third,
3 fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending,
4 revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating
5 thereto; relating to imposition of excise taxes by counties,
6 including authorizing imposition of an excise tax on the
7 rental of motor vehicles by counties of the first class; and
8 providing for regional renaissance initiatives," providing
9 for county police in counties of the third class.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Article XIV heading of the act of August 9, 1955
13 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, is amended and the
14 article is amended by adding a subarticle to read:

15 ARTICLE XIV

16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ASSISTANTS

17 [AND], DETECTIVES AND COUNTY POLICE

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19 (d) County Police

20 Section 1461. Employment of Police.--(a) The county
21 commissioners in any county of the third class shall have power

1 to employ such number of police as may be fixed by the salary
2 board of the county. The compensation of the police officers
3 shall be paid by the county.

4 (b) The police officers shall have jurisdiction anywhere
5 within the county by which employed, and shall have and possess
6 all the following powers:

7 (1) To make arrests, without warrant, for all violations of
8 the law which they may witness, and to serve and execute
9 warrants issued by the proper authorities. In cases of offenses
10 for violation of any of the provisions of 75 Pa.C.S. (relating
11 to vehicles), the power to make arrests without warrant shall be
12 limited to cases where the offense is designated a felony or a
13 misdemeanor, and cases causing or contributing to an accident
14 resulting in injury or death to any person.

15 (2) The powers and prerogatives conferred by the law upon
16 members of the police force of cities of the first class.

17 (3) The powers and prerogatives conferred by law on
18 constables of the Commonwealth.

19 (4) To serve subpoenas issued for any examination,
20 investigation or trial conducted pursuant to any law of this
21 Commonwealth.

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