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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 22 (Detectives and Private Police) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in private police,
3 repealing provisions relating to appointment by nonprofit
4 corporations.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 501 of Title 22 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is repealed:

9 [§ 501. Appointment by nonprofit corporations.

10 (a) Appointment authorized.--Any nonprofit corporation, as
11 defined in 15 Pa.C.S. Pt. II Subpt. C (relating to nonprofit
12 corporations) maintaining a cemetery or any buildings or grounds
13 open to the public, or organized for the prevention of cruelty
14 to children or aged persons, or one or more of such purposes,
15 may apply to the court of common pleas of the county of the
16 registered office of the corporation for the appointment of such
17 persons as the corporation may designate to act as policemen for
18 the corporation. The court, upon such application, may by order

1 appoint such persons, or as many of them as it may deem proper
2 and necessary, to be such policemen.

3 (b) Oath of office.--Every policeman so appointed shall,
4 before entering upon the duties of his office, take and
5 subscribe the oath required by the sixth article of the
6 Constitution of Pennsylvania. Such oath, together with the
7 decree and order of the court, shall be recorded by the recorder
8 of deeds of each county in which it is intended that such
9 policemen shall act.

10 (c) Powers.--Such policemen, so appointed, shall severally
11 possess and exercise all the powers of a police officer in this
12 Commonwealth, in and upon, and in the immediate and adjacent
13 vicinity of, the property of the corporation. Policemen so
14 appointed for a corporation organized for the prevention of
15 cruelty to children or aged persons, or one or more of such
16 purposes, shall severally possess and exercise all the powers of
17 a police officer in any county in which they may be directed by
18 the corporation to act, and are hereby authorized to arrest
19 persons for the commission of any offense of cruelty to children
20 or aged persons. The keepers of jails and other places of
21 detention in any county of this Commonwealth shall receive all
22 persons arrested by such policemen for purposes of detention
23 until they are dealt with according to law. Every policeman
24 appointed under this section, when on duty, shall wear a
25 metallic shield with the words "special officer" and the name of
26 the corporation for which appointed inscribed thereon.

27 (d) Compensation.--The compensation of such policemen shall
28 be paid by the corporation for which the policemen are
29 appointed, as may be agreed upon between the corporation and
30 such policemen.

1 (e) Termination of appointment.--When any corporation shall
2 no longer require the services of any policeman, it shall file a
3 notice to that effect, under its corporate seal, in the office
4 of each recorder of deeds where the court decree and order of
5 appointment of such policeman were recorded. The recorder of
6 deeds shall note this information upon the margin of the record
7 where the court decree and order were recorded, and thereupon
8 the powers of such policeman shall terminate. It shall be the
9 duty of the recorder of deeds to notify the clerk of the court
10 by which such policeman was appointed of the termination of such
11 appointment in such county.]

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.