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INTRODUCED BY GROVE, SAYLOR, GERGELY, TRUITT, PHILLIPS-HILL AND  
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AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
"An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
other assistants and employees in certain departments, boards,  
and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the  
number and compensation of the deputies and all other  
assistants and employees of certain departments, boards and  
commissions shall be determined," in powers and duties of the  
Governor and other constitutional officers and of the  
Executive Board and of the Pennsylvania State Police,  
providing for State trooper services contractual program.

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

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

Section 714. State Trooper Services Contractual Program.--

(a) This section shall apply to a municipality and adjacent municipalities that:

(1) currently have or, prior to January 1, 2013, had an organized police force or contracted police coverage through a regional or municipal police department; and

(2) disband their organized police force or eliminate their contracted police services.

(b) If subsection (a) applies, the municipality or adjacent municipalities shall:

(1) enter into an agreement with the Pennsylvania State Police for State trooper services; and

(2) agree to pay for the State trooper services.

(c) In order to implement this section, the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police shall enter into agreements with boroughs and townships for the furnishing of police protection by one or more State troopers on a contractual basis at agreed-upon hours and locations.

(d) Moneys paid for the services under this section shall be credited to a restricted account and used for the express purpose of financing the services for which the contract price was paid.

(e) For every two thousand hours annually contracted under this section, one full-time State trooper would not be counted in determining the total number of officers and enlisted members in the Pennsylvania State Police.

(f) The Pennsylvania State Police shall promulgate rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement this section and the contractual agreements authorized by this section. The rules and regulations shall:

1     (1) Require that as a prerequisite to contracting for the  
2 services of a State trooper, a municipality or adjacent  
3 municipalities shall adopt a resolution or ordinance authorizing  
4 the contractual arrangement with the Pennsylvania State Police  
5 for the payment by the municipality or adjacent municipalities  
6 of the costs incurred in connection with the provision of the  
7 services under this section.

8     (2) Require State troopers to remain under the direct  
9 control of the Pennsylvania State Police with supervision to be  
10 provided by the commanding officer of the field installation  
11 having jurisdiction over the municipality or adjacent  
12 municipalities contracting for the State trooper services.

13     (3) Require that all organizational orders, regulations and  
14 directives by the Pennsylvania State Police apply with full  
15 force to the assigned State troopers.

16     (4) Prohibit the commanding officer of the field  
17 installation from removing a State trooper assigned under this  
18 section from the officer's area of jurisdiction during assigned  
19 hours except in cases of emergency, in which case the governing  
20 body of the contracting municipality or adjacent municipalities  
21 shall be notified.

22     (5) Require State troopers to enforce 75 Pa.C.S. (relating  
23 to vehicles), criminal laws of this Commonwealth and local  
24 ordinances regarding public safety pursuant to the agreement  
25 with the municipality or adjacent municipalities.

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