
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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," in powers and duties of the
21 Governor and other constitutional officers, of the Executive
22 Board and of the Pennsylvania State Police, further providing
23 for Pennsylvania State Police.

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

26 Section 1. Section 710 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,
27 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, amended
28 October 3, 1986 (P.L.1414, No.129), is amended to read:

1 Section 710. Pennsylvania State Police.--The Pennsylvania
2 State Police shall have the power and its duty shall be:

3 (a) Subject to any inconsistent provisions in this act
4 contained, to continue to exercise the powers and perform the
5 duties by law vested in and imposed upon the Department of State
6 Police, the Pennsylvania State Police, the State Highway Patrol,
7 and the Pennsylvania Motor Police;

8 (b) To assist the Governor in the administration and
9 enforcement of the laws of the Commonwealth, in such manner, at
10 such times, and in such places, as the Governor may from time to
11 time request;

12 (c) With the approval of the Governor, to assist any
13 administrative department, board, or commission, of the State
14 Government, to enforce the laws applicable or appertaining to
15 such department, board, or commission, or any organization
16 thereof;

17 (d) Whenever possible, to cooperate with counties and
18 municipalities in the detection of crime, the apprehension of
19 criminals, and the preservation of law and order throughout the
20 State;

21 (e) To aid in the enforcement of all laws relating to game,
22 fish, forests, and waters;

23 (f) To collect and classify, and keep at all times
24 available, complete information useful for the detection of
25 crime, and the identification and apprehension of criminals.
26 Such information shall be available for all police officers
27 within the Commonwealth, under such regulations as the
28 Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police may prescribe;

29 (g) To enforce the laws regulating the use of the highways
30 of this Commonwealth, and to assist the Department of

1 Transportation and the Department of Revenue in the collection
2 of motor license fees, fees for titling vehicles and tractors,
3 operators' license fees, the tax on cigarettes, and the tax on
4 liquid fuels, and the issuance of certificates of title and
5 motor and operators' licenses;

6 (h) To search without warrant any boat, conveyance, vehicle
7 or receptacle, or any place of business when there is good
8 reason to believe that any law has been violated, the
9 enforcement or administration of which is imposed or vested in
10 the Department of Revenue;

11 (i) To collect information relating to crimes and incidents
12 related to the race, color, religion, sexual orientation, gender
13 identity or expression, or national origin of individuals or
14 groups, which shall be reported monthly by all local law
15 enforcement agencies and the State Fire Marshal. Any
16 information, records and statistics collected in accordance with
17 this subsection shall be available for use by any agency
18 required to furnish information, to the extent that such
19 information is reasonably necessary or useful to such agency in
20 carrying out the duties imposed on it by law. The Pennsylvania
21 State Police shall share the information collected under this
22 subsection with the Office of Attorney General. The Commissioner
23 of the Pennsylvania State Police may, by regulation, establish
24 such conditions for the use or availability of such information
25 as may be necessary to its preservation, the protection of
26 confidential information, or the circumstances of a pending
27 prosecution.

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