

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1264 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY BAKER, ARGALL, BARTOLOTTA, FOLMER, GORDNER, WHITE
AND RAFFERTY, MAY 18, 2016

REFERRED TO LAW AND JUSTICE, MAY 18, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 3, 1919 (P.L.366, No.179), entitled "An
2 act reorganizing the Department of State Police; creating
3 therein a Bureau of Fire Protection; providing for a State
4 Police Force, and defining the powers and duties of the same,
5 including the enforcement of laws relating to game, fish,
6 forestry, and water supply, and certain other laws, and
7 including the collection of information useful for the
8 detection of crime, and the apprehension of criminals;
9 providing for the equipment, maintenance, and transportation
10 of such police; providing for barracks and substations
11 therefor; and prescribing penalties," further providing for
12 Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police.

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

15 Section 1. Section 7 of the act of June 3, 1919 (P.L.366,
16 No.179), entitled, "An act reorganizing the Department of State
17 Police; creating therein a Bureau of Fire Protection; providing
18 for a State Police Force, and defining the powers and duties of
19 the same, including the enforcement of laws relating to game,
20 fish, forestry, and water supply, and certain other laws, and
21 including the collection of information useful for the detection
22 of crime, and the apprehension of criminals; providing for the
23 equipment, maintenance, and transportation of such police;

1 providing for barracks and substations therefor; and prescribing
2 penalties," amended October 5, 1967 (P.L.321, No.140), is
3 amended to read:

4 Section 7. (a) The [Superintendent] Commissioner of the
5 Pennsylvania State Police shall be appointed by the Governor for
6 a term of four years from the third Tuesday of January next
7 following the election of a Governor and until his successor
8 shall have been appointed and qualified. The [officers and
9 enlisted men] enlisted members of the State Police [Force shall
10 receive an increase of one hundred and twenty dollars per annum
11 after one year's service, and an additional increase of one
12 hundred and twenty dollars per annum during continuous service
13 for each of the following three years, and an additional
14 increase of sixty dollars per annum during continuous service
15 for each of the following two years:] shall be paid as
16 prescribed by law: Provided, That this section shall not apply
17 to the [Superintendent] Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State
18 Police and the deputies, chiefs, statisticians, clerks, experts,
19 and other assistants engaged in the work of the Pennsylvania
20 State Police who are not enlisted members of the State Police
21 Force, and whose compensation under existing law is fixed by the
22 [Superintendent] Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police
23 with the approval of the Governor.

24 (b) The Commissioner and deputies shall be qualified by
25 training and experience to perform the duties of the office. No
26 Commissioner or deputy shall be appointed who has not served at
27 least ten years as a certified law enforcement officer employed
28 by any of the following:

29 (1) The Pennsylvania State Police.

30 (2) A police department requiring certification pursuant to

1 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating to municipal police
2 education and training).

3 (3) A law enforcement agency of the Federal Government.

4 (4) A law enforcement agency of another state where the
5 qualifications for certification are equivalent to, or greater
6 than, those required in this Commonwealth.

7 (c) The required service under subsection (b) may be
8 cumulative, and shall include at least five years of service in
9 a position of supervision over other law enforcement officers.

10 (d) Prior to receiving authorization to access criminal
11 history record information maintained by the State Police or any
12 other criminal justice agency, the Commissioner and deputies
13 shall be trained pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 91 Subch. D
14 (relating to security).

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