

CHAPTER 429

(Senate Bill 752)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 15(b) of Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "State Police," subtitle "Management of Department," to correct certain errors in the laws relating to the State Police.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 15(b) of Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "State Police," subtitle "Management of Department," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(b) In supervising and directing the affairs of the Department and in exercising the powers referred to in the preceding subsection, the authority of the Superintendent shall include, but shall not be limited to, the powers:

- (1) To determine and establish the form of organization of the Department;
- (2) To create subordinate organizational subdivisions within the Department; to determine and define the functions, duties, and responsibilities of each such organizational subdivision; and, from time to time, to reclassify and redefine the functions, duties, and responsibilities of any departmental subdivision, whether created by the Superintendent or by law;
- (3) To assign and reassign, allocate and reallocate, employees of the Department to such duties, organizational subdivisions, and regional facilities of the Department as in his judgment may be necessary to best serve the needs of the Department and the public interest;
- (4) To establish standards, qualifications, and prerequisites of character, training, education, and experience for all employees;
- (5) To determine and establish such ranks and grades and, in accordance with the merit system, such civilian classifications as he may deem necessary and appropriate;
- (6) To designate the authority, responsibility, and duties of such ranks, grades, and civilian classifications and the order of succession to positions of command within the Department;
- (7) To appoint, promote, reduce in rank or civilian classification, reassign, reclassify, retire, and discharge all employees in the manner prescribed by law;
- (8) To regulate attendance, conduct, training, discipline, and procedure for all employees of the Department;
- (9) To provide systems for periodic evaluation and improvement of the performance and physical condition of employees, including in-service training programs and courses;
- (10) To establish headquarters, barracks, posts, commands, and other regional facilities in such localities as may be necessary for the efficient performance of the duties of the Department and to discontinue such facilities when such need ceases to exist;