

(1) IS A FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYED BY A RAILROAD ON JULY 1, 1979, OR HAS MET ALL THE EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION;

(2) IS OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AND HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE; AND

(3) IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE.

(D) "RAILROAD" MEANS RAILWAY COMPANY OR ANY COMBINATION OF SIMILAR WORDS AND INDICATES A CORPORATION, ITS SUBSIDIARIES, CORPORATE AFFILIATES, AND PARENT COMPANIES ENGAGED AS A COMMON CARRIER IN THE FURNISHING OR SALE OF TRANSPORTATION SUBJECT TO PART I OF THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE ACT.

(E) "SUPERINTENDENT" MEANS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE.

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~~ANY FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYED BY A RAILROAD ON JULY 1, 1979 IS EXEMPT FROM THE ENTRANCE LEVEL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION.~~

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(A) ANY RAILROAD, LOCATED WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY WITHIN THIS STATE, MAY MAKE APPLICATION FOR SUCH QUALIFIED PERSONS AS THEY MAY REQUIRE, TO BE APPOINTED AS RAILROAD OFFICERS FOR THE PROTECTION OF PROPERTY, PATRONS, PASSENGERS, TENANTS, EMPLOYEES, EQUIPMENT, AND SERVICES, AND THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND ORDER ON ITS PREMISES, EASEMENTS, APPURTENANT PROPERTY, TRAINS, CARS, AND OTHER VEHICLES.

(B) APPLICATION FOR EACH OFFICER APPOINTMENT SHALL BE MADE BY THE CHIEF POLICE OFFICER OF THE REQUESTING RAILROAD IN WRITING AND UNDER OATH TO THE SUPERINTENDENT IN THE FORM DESIGNATED. EACH APPLICATION SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A NONREFUNDABLE FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT.

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(A) THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL SUBMIT ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER THIS SUBHEADING TO THE GOVERNOR WITH A RECOMMENDATION AS TO THE DENIAL OR GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION AND THE REASONS FOR THE ACTIONS TAKEN.

(B) THE GOVERNOR MAY ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION AS SUBMITTED, BUT IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO ISSUE AN APPOINTMENT APPROVED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT IF HE BELIEVES IT IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE STATE.