

Through Chapter 303 of the Acts of 1935 of the Maryland Legislature, the separation of the Motor Vehicle Deputies from the Office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles was effected and a new Department was created, known as the Department of Maryland State Police. The direction of the Department is vested in the superintendent, with the rank of Major, in the Department. He is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for four years, from the first day of June following his appointment. He is subject to removal by the Governor for official misconduct or incompetency, and, in the event of removal or resignation, the Governor is given the power to appoint a superintendent to hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term of the superintendent who has resigned or is removed from office.

The qualifications of the superintendent are that he shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident and voter of the State of Maryland. His authority is to establish and maintain classification and grades for police employees in the Department as follows: There may be one captain, three lieutenants, one sergeant major, one first sergeant, six detective sergeants, one quartermaster sergeant, one sergeant mechanic, ten sergeants, fourteen corporals, eighteen officers, first class, and twenty-nine officers. He shall also maintain such clerical employees as may be required. He shall designate the authority, responsibility and duties of the various ranks, grades and positions and, with the approval of the State Employment Commissioner, shall set standards and qualifications and fix pre-requisites of training, education and experience. All employees of the Department are in the classified service except the superintendent. After examination under the Merit System and appointment, such appointees, however, must serve a probationary period of one year, during which time they are removable in the discretion of the superintendent and are not within the Merit System.

Six investigators of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles named in the Act were transferred and rank in the Department as Detective Sergeants. The physician attached to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles was also transferred. All chefs and civilian employees attached to the motorcycle department were transferred.

The Superintendent is empowered to promote employees to the rank, grade or position in the Department as he may deem necessary for efficient administration, but no person may be promoted to any rank, grade or position unless he shall have filled the grade, rank or position immediately inferior. All promotions up to and including the rank of sergeant are provided to be departmental, and to such promotions the Merit System shall not apply. All promotions above the rank of sergeant must be made in accordance with the provisions of the Merit System on competitive examination. Employees discharged or resigned are not afterwards eligible for re-appointment.

The superintendent is authorized to organize and maintain a training school for employees, which training may be made available to any local unit within the State. He is also authorized to formulate such rules and regulations for the administration of the Department as may seem fit, and to assign, re-assign and transfer employees from one station to another.

The superintendent has power to establish and discontinue headquarters and stations in such localities as he may deem advisable.

The Act provides that the Department shall create and maintain a Bureau of Identification and Statistics.

Provision is also made for the salaries, expenses and maintenance of the Department, to be paid out of the gross income of the Depart-