

sergeant mechanic, ten sergeants, fourteen corporals, eighteen officers, first class, and thirty-eight 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 Department of Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, exclusive of revenue produced by fines and forfeitures, and exclusive of revenue arising from commercial hiring truck license fees and commercial hiring franchise truck fees.

The Act provides that the duties of the police employees are to prevent and detect crime, to apprehend criminals, to enforce the criminal and motor vehicles laws and to perform such other related duties as may be imposed upon them by the Legislature, which power shall be exercised in any and all parts of the State. With the exception of the enforcement of the motor vehicle laws, police powers shall not apply to Charles, Calvert, Howard and Montgomery Counties. It is further provided that the State Police shall not act within the limits of any incorporated municipality which maintains a police force, except under the following circumstances:

- (1) When in pursuit of an offender or suspected offender;
- (2) When in search of an offender or suspected offender wanted for a crime committed outside of the limits of the