

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 vehicle 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 and Howard 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 municipality, or when interviewing or seeking to interview a witness or a supposed witness to such a crime;
- (3) When requested to act by the chief executive officer of the municipality in question or its chief police officer;
- (4) When ordered by the Governor to act within the municipality in question.

They are directed to cooperate and exchange information with any other Department or authority with police forces, both within and without the State and with Federal Police forces, toward the end of achieving greater success in preventing and detecting crimes and apprehending criminals.

The superintendent shall annually, within thirty days following the close of the fiscal year of the Department, make a full financial and operative report to the Governor showing the activities of the Department.

The Act went into force and took effect after June 1, 1935.