

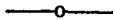
Chapter 559 of the 1943 General Assembly provided a roster of ranks, grades and positions with specified base salaries and authorized the Superintendent to establish additional ranks and grades and to increase the number of employees from time to time in accordance with the Budget or Budget Amendments. This Act further provided a longevity pay plan for the police personnel of the Department. All civilian and police employees of the Department are in the classified service with the exception of the Superintendent.

The Act provides that the Department shall create and maintain a Bureau of Criminal Identification and Statistics, to cooperate with the Division of Investigation of United States Department of Justice at Washington, D. C., with bureaus of identification maintained by any municipality within or without the State of Maryland, and with bureaus of identification maintained by other States.

Through Chapter 355 of the Acts of 1941 of the Maryland Legislature, a Traffic Collision Statistical Bureau was created under the direction of the Superintendent. Under this Act, all Police Departments or Agencies in this State are required to report to this Bureau all such accidents of which notice has been received, within forty-eight hours of the receipt of such notice. The duty of this Bureau is to analyze traffic accident reports and to prepare statistical charts showing the number of accidents resulting in death, personal injury or property damage and the causes of and circumstances surrounding such accidents.

The Act creating the Department of Maryland State Police, together with subsequent amendments made by the legislature have extended the power of enforcement of motor vehicle laws throughout the State without exception. The general police powers of the department have been made state-wide with the exception of Charles County. The duties of the police employees, as now specified in the State Police Act, 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 motor vehicle laws, police powers shall not apply to Charles County. 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 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;
- (5) When enforcing the Motor Vehicle Laws of the State.



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“There is hereby created a State Agency to be known as The Board of Natural Resources to co-ordinate the activities of the several State departments that are concerned with the conservation of natural re-