

no such demotion shall be final until after a hearing has been held in accordance with the provisions of the Merit System. The findings of the State Employment Commissioner shall be binding upon the Superintendent. The Superintendent may discharge any employee of the Department for cause, if charges have been preferred, in accordance with the provisions of the Merit System, and no such discharge shall be final until after a hearing has been held in accordance with the provisions of the Merit System. The findings of the State Employment Commissioner shall be binding upon the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall have full power and authority to suspend or discharge probationers without a hearing.

1935, ch. 303, sec. 16.

16. The Superintendent shall provide for the employees of the Department, within the amount of the appropriation therefor, the uniforms and equipment necessary to the performance of their respective duties, but all such uniforms and equipment shall remain the property of the State. All uniforms and equipment shall be purchased through the Department of Budget and Procurement, and shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the said Department. The Superintendent shall have authority to destroy such uniforms and sell or dispose of such equipment as shall have become unfit for use and all moneys received therefrom shall be paid into the State Treasury, and credited to the use of the Department of Maryland State Police.

1935, ch. 303, sec. 17.

17. The Superintendent shall have authority to approve vouchers in payment of expenses incurred by employees of the Department in the discharge of their duties, and such vouchers shall be audited and paid out of the appropriations of the Department in the manner required by law. Allowance for lodging and subsistence while away from official station may be paid to the employee of the Department under such terms and conditions as the Superintendent may prescribe. The Superintendent may provide lodging and subsistence for employees of the Department at their official stations.

1935, ch. 303, sec. 18.

18. The Superintendent may from time to time establish headquarters and stations in such localities as he may deem advisable for the enforcement of the laws of the State, and to that end within the limits of appropriations he may purchase, or otherwise acquire the right to use and maintain lands and buildings, horses, motor equipment, motor boats, and other commodities, equipment and services deemed by him essential for the needs of the Department or its employees in carrying out their duties. All such property, or rights, shall be purchased or acquired through the State Purchasing Agent and in accordance with the rules of the State Purchasing Bureau, whenever the Superintendent, in his discretion, deems it advisable to have the purchases made in such manner. The Superintendent may, in his discretion, discontinue any headquarters or stations, where such action seems to him to be desirable. The Superintendent shall have authority to sell or dispose of such property as shall have become unnecessary or unfit for further use, and all moneys received therefrom shall