

stations, and within the limits of this Act, to perform such duties as he shall designate.

15. The Superintendent shall have full power and authority to suspend, for a period of thirty days, without pay, any employee of the Department for such cause as may seem fit to him. The Superintendent shall have full power and authority to demote in rank any employee of the Department below the rank of detective sergeant, for such cause as may seem fit to him. The Superintendent may demote in rank any employee of the Department of the rank of detective sergeant or higher, for cause, if charges are preferred, in accordance with the provisions of the Merit System, and 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.

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 State Purchasing Agent, and shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Purchasing Bureau. 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.

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