

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.

21. It shall be the duty of police employees of the Department to prevent and detect crime, to apprehend criminals, to enforce the criminal laws and motor vehicle laws of the State, and, to perform such other related duties as may be imposed upon them by the Legislature, and to this end, police employees of the Department shall be peace officers, and shall have in any and all parts of the State, the same powers with respect to criminal matters and the enforcement of the law relating thereto, as sheriffs, constables, police officers and peace officers have in their respective jurisdiction, and shall have all the immunities and matters of defense now available or such as hereafter may be made available to sheriffs, constables, police officers and peace officers, in any suit brought against them in consequence of acts done in the course of their employment. Any warrant of arrest issued by any magistrate of the State, at the instance of any police employee, may be executed by any police employee of the Department in any part of the State according to the tenor thereof without endorsement. All police employees shall have all the powers, rights and duties which were or are granted unto the motor cycle deputies of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, as set forth in Article 56, Sections 171 to 265, inclusive, Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, 1924 Edition, and as set forth in Article 56, Sections 171 to 209-A, Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, 1929 Supplement, as said Article 56 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, 1929 Supplement, has been amended by all subsequent legislation, and shall have all rights and duties as are granted, or may be granted, unto motor cycle deputies of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by any Act or Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1935; provided, however, that Sections 21, 22, and 24, hereof, except to enforce the Motor Vehicle Laws of this State shall not apply to Charles, Calvert, Howard and Montgomery Counties.

22. The police employees of the Department shall enforce the fish, oyster and game laws of the State, and the law enacted for the protection and conservation of forests, woods, and other natural resources, and shall have all powers, rights and duties possessed by wardens, foresters or conservation officers of the State of Maryland.