

to be under the new subheading "Police Training Commission", establishing a Police Training Commission, providing for its membership, prescribing its functions and duties. , ~~and providing funds for its operation.~~

The Legislature of Maryland hereby finds and declares that a serious need for improvement in the administration of law enforcement exists in order to better protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; that police work, a basic adjunct of law enforcement administration, is professional in nature, and requires proper educational and clinical training in a State whose population is increasing in relation to its physical area, in a society where greater reliance on better law enforcement through higher standards of efficiency is of paramount need; that the present need for improvement can be substantially met by the creation of a minimum standards educational and training program for persons who seek careers as law enforcement officers wherein such persons will be required, while serving in a probationary capacity prior to permanent appointment, to receive efficient training in this profession provided at recruit and in-service training facilities approved by a commission created for such purpose; and that by qualifying and becoming proficient in the field of law enforcement such persons shall individually and collectively better insure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this State in their respective communities.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 70A be and it is hereby added to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", subtitle "I. The Executive Department", to follow immediately after Section 70 thereof, and to be under the new subheading "Police Training Commission", and to read as follows:

*Police Training Commission*

70A.

(a) *As used in this Act:*

(1) *"Approved police training school" shall mean a school approved and authorized by the Police Training Commission to offer a police training program as prescribed in this Act.*

(2) *"Commission" shall mean the Police Training Commission or officers or employees thereof acting on its behalf.*

(3) *"County" shall mean any county which within its jurisdiction has or shall have a law enforcement unit as defined in this Act.*

(4) *"Law enforcement unit" shall mean any governmental police force or organization of the State, county, or municipality which has by statute or ordinance, the responsibility of detecting crime and enforcing the general criminal laws of this State.*

(5) *"Municipality" shall mean any incorporated city of any class which, within its jurisdiction, has or shall have a law enforcement unit as defined in this Act.*

(6) *"Permanent appointment" shall mean an appointment having permanent status as a police officer in a law enforcement unit as*