

(1) ESTABLISH CLASSIFICATIONS BASED ON THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF DUTIES, AND FIX AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR QUALIFICATION, APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL, TENURE, TERM, COMPENSATION, PENSION AND RETIRMENT BENEFITS;

(2) PROVIDE FOR THEIR TRAINING AND, FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE AUTHORITY MAY ENTER INTO CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS WITH ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATION ENGAGED IN POLICE TRAINING, AND THIS ~~[[TRAINING]]~~ TRAINING AND THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE UNIFORMED AND PLAIN CLOTHES PERSONNEL SHALL AT LEAST EQUAL THE REQUIREMENTS OF EACH SIGNATORY AND OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS THEREOF IN THE TRANSIT ZONE FOR THEIR PERSONNEL PERFORMING COMPARABLE DUTIES; AND

(3) PRESCRIBE DISTINCTIVE UNIFORMS TO BE WORN.

(G) THE AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ENTER INTO PLANS, ARRANGEMENTS OR AGREEMENTS WITH THE SIGNATORIES, THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, FOR THE DELINEATION OF FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO BE PERFORMED BY THE METRO TRANSIT POLICE AND OTHER DULY CONSTITUTED POLICE, FIRE AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES, AND FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.

(H) BEFORE ENTERING UPON THE DUTIES OF OFFICE, EACH MEMBER OF THE METRO TRANSIT POLICE SHALL TAKE OR SUBSCRIBE TO AN OATH OR AFFIRMATION, BEFORE A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS, FAITHFULLY TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THAT OFFICE.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974, and the Compact shall be deemed to be amended as soon thereafter as substantially similar concurring legislation shall be enacted by or on behalf of the District of Columbia and Virginia and consent thereto shall have been granted by the Congress of the United States.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this Act is declared to be unconstitutional or the applicability thereof to any signatory party, political subdivision or agency thereof is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of this Act and the applicability thereof to any other signatory party, political subdivision or agency thereof or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. It is the legislative intent that the provisions of this Act be reasonably and liberally construed.