THEIR DUTIES. THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE POLICE FORCE WHICH ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE. MEMBERS OF THIS TOLL FACILITIES POLICE FORCE SHALL OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS.]]

- (2) MEMBERS OF THE TOLL FACILITIES POLICE FORCE SHALL NOT ACT ON PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT OWNED, LEASED, OPERATED, OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, EXCEPT (1) WHEN IN HOT PURSUIT OF A SUSPECTED OFFENDER, (2) WHEN SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED OR PERMITTED TO SO ACT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR THE CHIEF POLICE OFFICER OF ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION; OR (3) WHEN ORDERED TO SO ACT BY THE GOVERNOR.
- THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, CONSULTATION WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE AND THE MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH AND PROMULGATE STANDARDS, QUALIFICATIONS AND PREREQUISITES OF CHARACTER, TRAINING, EDUCATION, HUMAN AND PUBLIC RELATIONS AND EXPERIENCE FOR THE TOLL FACILITIES POLICE FORCE, INCLUDING STANDARDS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES; PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT THE STATUS OF ANY PRESENTLY QUALIFIED MEMBER OF THE CURRENT TOLL FACILITIES POLICE SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED BY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED AND PROMULGATED RELATING TO THE MINIMUM HIRING QUALIFICATIONS OF TOLL FACILITIES POLICE OFFICERS HEREAFTER. TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ESTABLISH AND PROMULGATE STANDARDS WHICH ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS FOR THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE. THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE OPERATION AND CONDUCT FOR THE TOLL FACILITIES FORCE WHICH ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION. MEMBERS OF THIS TOLL FACILITIES POLICE FORCE SHALL OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of Article 64A — Merit System, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 64A - Merit System

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The following positions shall not be included in the classified service, namely: those held by officers elected by popular vote and officers whose appointment and election is provided by the Constitution, including