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The Superintendent may, with the approval of the [Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services] GOVERNOR, designate without examination, to serve at the Superintendent's pleasure, ~~two of the police employees~~ ONE POLICE EMPLOYEE holding the highest commissioned rank to be deputy ~~superintendents~~ SUPERINTENDENT. The deputy ~~superintendents~~ SUPERINTENDENT shall have such authority, responsibility, and duties as may be assigned by the Superintendent and, in case of the absence from the State or incapacitating disability of the Superintendent, ~~one of the deputy superintendents~~ SUPERINTENDENT shall be designated by the Superintendent and shall have all of the powers and duties conferred by law upon the Superintendent. ~~If the Superintendent is unable, due to illness, injury or other sudden disability, to designate one of the deputy superintendents to act during the period of incapacitating disability, the senior deputy superintendent shall act as the Superintendent DURING THE SUPERINTENDENT'S ABSENCE OR~~ until the disability is removed. A deputy superintendent designated in accordance with this section shall, notwithstanding any other provision of this article, continue in office at the pleasure of the Superintendent. Upon termination of such designation by the Superintendent, such person shall return to the rank held prior to such designation. ~~Deputy superintendents~~ THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT shall not be paid in accordance with § 23(a) of this article but shall receive such salary as provided in the budget. Whenever the Superintendent terminates the designation of a particular person as deputy superintendent, such person shall thereafter be paid in accordance with § 23(a) of this article.

22.

(a) From and after July 1, 1974, all police employees of the Maryland State Police shall receive such salary, including any increment based upon length of service, as set forth in a salary plan proposed by the Superintendent of Maryland State Police [and the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services] and approved by the Secretary of Personnel, and provided in the State budget.

23.

(a) The Superintendent of the Maryland State Police shall develop a salary plan for police employees which shall include such ranks and grades within ranks as he deems appropriate. The plan shall be effective upon approval by the [Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services] GOVERNOR if sufficient funds therefor are included in the State budget. No police employee shall be demoted or otherwise affected in rank, pay or status except for cause as hereinbefore required. A police employee who holds a rank determined by the Superintendent to be obsolete shall remain in the rank until promoted, demoted, retired, or otherwise terminated.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) All rights, powers, duties, obligations, and functions that were exercised by and granted to the Maryland State Police prior to the effective date of this Act shall be transferred to the Department of Maryland State Police on the effective date of this Act.