

(b) The [Superintendent] SECRETARY has the authority to approve vouchers in payment of expenses incurred by employees in the discharge of their duties, including expenses for lodging and subsistence while an employee is away from the facility to which he is regularly assigned. These vouchers shall be audited and paid from appropriations to the Department in the manner prescribed by law. Vouchers of the [Superintendent] SECRETARY shall be submitted in a manner consistent with the practices required by the Comptroller's office. Lodging and subsistence furnished employees at facilities of the Department are not "expenses" within the meaning of this section and may be provided by the Department to the extent permitted by appropriation and rule of the [Superintendent] SECRETARY.

(d) In any civil or criminal case, other than a disciplinary proceeding or an appeal therefrom, when a police employee is charged with the commission of any wrong as the result of any act done in the course of his official duties, the [Superintendent] SECRETARY may pay any portion of the legal expenses of such employee upon his determination that such is in the best interests of the Department, the public, and the police employee and upon approval by the Attorney General. Such payments may be made from any funds specifically appropriated for that purpose in the budget or from general or contingency funds of the Department.

(e) Except as permitted by this article, Title 9 or Title 10 of the Labor and Employment Article, or rule, no employee of the Department shall receive any money or other thing of value for any services performed by him as an employee of the Department or otherwise resulting from such employment. When an employee is permitted by the [Superintendent] SECRETARY to accept money or other thing of value, such shall be delivered to the Department and disposed of as provided by rule.

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

Subsections (a), (b), (d), and (e) of this section are amended to reflect the establishment of the Department of State Police as a principal department of State government by Chs. 165 and 166, Acts of 1994, to reflect the status of the head of the Department as a Secretary of a principal department of State government, and to delete unnecessary language.

23.

(a) The [Superintendent of the Maryland State Police] SECRETARY 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 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] SECRETARY to be obsolete shall remain in the rank until promoted, demoted, retired, or otherwise terminated.