

(iii) "Police officer" includes a member of the Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Enforcement Unit.

(d) Subject to the authority of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Commission is vested with the following authority, responsibility and duty:

(14) To consult and cooperate with other departments and agencies of the State concerned with police training; [and]

(15) TO REQUIRE EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT TO MAKE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR TO EACH POLICE OFFICER OF THAT UNIT, AND TO REQUIRE EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT TO REPLACE THE ARMOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE MANUFACTURER OF THE ARMOR; AND

(16) To perform such other acts as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out its functions and duties as set forth in this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995.

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(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "FUND" MEANS THE PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(3) "LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" MEANS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF ANY COUNTY OR INCORPORATED CITY OR TOWN, INCLUDING BALTIMORE CITY, WITHIN THIS STATE.

(4) "PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR" MEANS A VEST OR SIMILAR ARTICLE DESIGNED TO BE WORN ON THE BODY FOR PROTECTION AGAINST BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPACT OF A FIREARM PROJECTILE AND MANUFACTURED OF BULLET RESISTANT FABRIC THAT CONFORMS TO NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE (NIJ) STANDARD 0101.03 (OR THE CURRENT EDITION) AND V-50 BALLISTIC TESTING REQUIREMENTS.

(5) "SUPERINTENDENT" MEANS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE.

(B) A PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR FUND IS ESTABLISHED TO ASSIST LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN:

(1) ACQUIRING PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR FOR EACH POLICE OFFICER OF THE UNIT; AND

(2) REPLACING PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR AT LEAST EVERY 10 YEARS, OR SOONER IF TESTING INDICATES A NEED.