

**CHAPTER 387****(House Bill 39)**

AN ACT concerning

**State Police – Equipment for Local Law Enforcement**

FOR the purpose of requiring that, whenever the State Police agrees to function as a local police force in a county or municipality, ~~all vehicles and other equipment used for law enforcement shall be the property of the county or municipality that was a participant in the agreement and may not revert to the State if the agreement is terminated and the agreement between the State Police and county or municipality is terminated~~, the value of certain equipment shall be depreciated in accordance with a specified schedule and the Department of State Police shall reimburse the county or municipality for the depreciated value; providing that if the State Police assign a certain number of police employees to a county or municipality, the county or municipality must give certain notice to the Department of State Police, and the number of employees assigned shall be phased out over a specified period, if the county or municipality desires to terminate the agreement; authorizing the Department of State Police and a county or municipality to modify the manner services are terminated under the agreement; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Department of State Police and the Resident Trooper Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 88B – Department of State Police

Section 63

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 88B – Department of State Police**

63.

(a) A Local Division is created in the Department, with the powers, duties, functions, and employees provided in this subtitle.

(b) The board of county commissioners or county council of any county, or the Mayor and City Council of the City of Baltimore, and the Secretary may conclude an agreement that the Department act as and take over all or a portion of the functions of a local police force for the county, or municipality. Local governing bodies are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into such contractual agreements with municipalities located therein for the participation of the municipalities in the contractual agreements entered into by the local governing bodies and the Department. In Charles and St. Mary's Counties municipalities also may enter into separate contractual agreements with the Department.