

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to "money" is substituted for the former reference to "funds" for consistency with subsection (b) of this section.

Defined term: "Department" § 2-101

SUBTITLE 3. POWERS AND DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT.

2-301. GENERAL DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT.

(A) LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES.

(1) THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE GENERAL DUTY TO SAFEGUARD THE LIVES AND SAFETY OF ALL PERSONS IN THE STATE, TO PROTECT PROPERTY, AND TO ASSIST IN SECURING TO ALL PERSONS THE EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAWS.

(2) SPECIFICALLY, THIS DUTY INCLUDES THE RESPONSIBILITY TO:

(I) PRESERVE THE PUBLIC PEACE;

(II) DETECT AND PREVENT THE COMMISSION OF CRIME;

(III) ENFORCE THE LAWS AND ORDINANCES OF THE STATE, COUNTIES, AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS;

(IV) APPREHEND AND ARREST CRIMINALS AND THOSE WHO VIOLATE OR ARE LAWFULLY ACCUSED OF VIOLATING THE LAWS AND ORDINANCES OF THE STATE, COUNTIES, AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS;

(V) PRESERVE ORDER AT PUBLIC PLACES;

(VI) MAINTAIN THE SAFE AND ORDERLY FLOW OF TRAFFIC ON PUBLIC STREETS AND HIGHWAYS;

(VII) COOPERATE WITH AND ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN CARRYING OUT THEIR RESPECTIVE DUTIES; AND

(VIII) DISCHARGE THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE DIGNITY AND IN A MANNER THAT WILL INSPIRE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND RESPECT.

(B) REGULATORY DUTIES.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) ADMINISTER THE LAWS THAT RELATE TO:

(I) THE SALES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS;

(II) THE LICENSING AND SUPERVISION OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCIES;

(III) THE CERTIFICATION OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND SECURITY GUARDS;