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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2260 Session of  
2024

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INTRODUCED BY JOZWIAK, HARKINS, D. MILLER AND JAMES, MAY 1, 2024

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 1, 2024

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AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) and 11  
2 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in  
3 powers, duties and rights of appointed officers and  
4 employees, further providing for council's powers concerning  
5 police; and, in police force, further providing for  
6 appointment, number, rank, compensation and qualifications of  
7 police officers.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 1121(a) of Title 8 of the Pennsylvania  
11 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph and the  
12 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

13 § 1121. Council's powers concerning police.

14 (a) Establishment of police department.--Council may, by  
15 ordinance, establish a police department. If council establishes  
16 a police department, the following shall apply:

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18 (6) The police department shall operate as a full-time  
19 police department.

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21 (e) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following

1 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
2 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

3 "Full-time police department." A police force that maintains  
4 24-hour-per-day police coverage in its designated area.

5 Section 2. Section 12001(a) of Title 11 is amended and the  
6 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

7 § 12001. Appointment, number, rank, compensation and  
8 qualifications of police officers.

9 (a) General rule.--

10 (1) Council shall fix, by ordinance, the number, grades  
11 and compensation of the members of the city police force, who  
12 shall, except as provided in section 12002 (relating to  
13 designation of chief), be appointed in accordance with the  
14 civil service provisions of this chapter.

15 (2) The city police office shall operate as a full-time  
16 police department.

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18 (e) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
19 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
20 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

21 "Full-time police department." A police force that maintains  
22 24-hour-per-day police coverage in its designated area.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.