

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 318 Session of 2015

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AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 75 (Vehicles)  
 2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in employees,  
 3 providing for the Municipal Police Recruitment and Retention  
 4 Program and for law enforcement enhancement surcharge.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
 8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 2172. Municipal Police Recruitment and Retention Program.

10 (a) Establishment.--There is hereby established in the State  
 11 Treasury the Municipal Police Recruitment and Retention Program  
 12 Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund. Moneys in the fund shall be  
 13 expended for the purposes set forth in this section.

14 (b) Administration.--The commission shall administer the  
 15 fund and make grants from the fund for recruitment and retention  
 16 of a municipality's part-time police force in accordance with  
 17 this section.

18 (c) Purpose of grants.--Grants shall be for the purpose of  
 19 hiring and retaining part-time police officers in a municipality

1 and shall be used to pay a portion of the salary of a part-time  
2 police officer. Grants shall not exceed \$5,000 per police  
3 officer position and shall be used to supplement the part-time  
4 police officer's salary paid by the municipality up to a maximum  
5 of \$15 per hour of pay, not to exceed 85% of a full-time base  
6 salary for a police officer in the municipality. The rate shall  
7 be calculated based on average salaries for 2015 as adjusted  
8 annually by the Consumer Price Index for the metropolitan area  
9 in which the municipality is located.

10 (d) Other funds.--In addition to the moneys available in the  
11 fund, any appropriation for municipal police officer training  
12 that remains as part of the commission prior to lapsing shall be  
13 deposited in the fund beginning with the current fiscal year,  
14 for the purposes contained in this section.

15 (e) Regulations.--The commission shall promulgate rules and  
16 regulations to implement and administer the provisions of this  
17 section within 90 days of the effective date of this section.

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

21 "Fund." The Municipal Police Recruitment and Retention  
22 Program Fund established under subsection (a).

23 "Municipality." A city of the third class, borough, township  
24 of the first class or township of the second class that provides  
25 local police services through a municipal police department,  
26 participation in a regional police department or contracts with  
27 other municipal or regional police.

28 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:  
29 § 6508. Law enforcement enhancement surcharge.

30 (a) Levy and imposition.--In addition to any fines, fees or

1 penalties levied or imposed as provided by law under this title  
2 or any other statute, a surcharge shall be levied for  
3 disposition in accordance with subsection (b). Upon conviction  
4 for any violation of the provisions of this title or other  
5 statute of this Commonwealth, or regulations promulgated under  
6 this title, which is a traffic violation, exclusive of parking  
7 offenses, a surcharge of \$10 shall be levied.

8 (b) Disposition.--Notwithstanding the provisions of 42  
9 Pa.C.S. §§ 3571 (relating to Commonwealth portion of fines,  
10 etc.) and 3573 (relating to municipal corporation portion of  
11 finances, etc.) all surcharges levied and collected under  
12 subsection (a) by any division of the unified judicial system  
13 existing under section 1 of Article V of the Constitution of  
14 Pennsylvania and 42 Pa.C.S. § 301 (relating to unified judicial  
15 system) shall be remitted to the Commonwealth for deposit in the  
16 Municipal Police Recruitment and Retention Program Fund,  
17 established under 53 Pa.C.S. § 2172 (relating to Municipal  
18 Police Recruitment and Retention Program), for the purpose of  
19 recruiting and retaining municipal police officers.

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