



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 7333

House of Representatives, April 4, 2019

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. VERRENGIA of the 20th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
4 shall have general jurisdiction of the affairs of the Division of State
5 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public
6 Protection and shall have all the powers and privileges conferred by
7 statute upon a state policeman. [He] The commissioner shall submit to
8 the Governor an annual report, as provided in section 4-60, setting
9 forth in detail the work of said division. [Said] The commissioner shall
10 prescribe rules for the government of the division and, in any
11 investigation made by [him] the commissioner relating to the
12 personnel of the division, may administer oaths and summon
13 witnesses and compel their attendance as provided by law for the
14 attendance of witnesses at court.

15 Sec. 2. Section 29-14 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

17 Said bureau shall, on the receipt of any such identification card,
 18 immediately cause the files to be examined and shall promptly return
 19 to the police department or peace officer submitting such identification
 20 card a true transcript of the record of previous crimes committed by
 21 the person described on each such identification card, and said bureau
 22 shall assist police and prosecuting officials in the preparation and
 23 distribution of circulars relative to fugitives when so requested. When
 24 an arrest is made by an officer of a police department or other peace
 25 officer who is not equipped with necessary paraphernalia or skilled in
 26 the art of taking fingerprints and proper descriptions of criminals, [he]
 27 such officer may call on the State Police Bureau of Identification or on
 28 the nearest state police station for assistance and any officer or officers
 29 so called shall render such assistance immediately.

30 Sec. 3. Section 29-18a of the general statutes is repealed and the
 31 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

32 The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
 33 may appoint one or more persons to act as special [policemen] police
 34 officers in the Department of Emergency Services and Public
 35 Protection, for the purpose of investigating public assistance fraud
 36 relating to the beneficiaries of public assistance in this state. Such
 37 appointees, having been sworn, shall serve at the pleasure of the
 38 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and,
 39 during such tenure, shall have all the powers conferred on state
 40 [policemen] police officers. They shall, in addition to their duties
 41 concerning public assistance cases, be subject to the call of the
 42 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection for such
 43 emergency service as [he] the commissioner may prescribe.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 29-2 |

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| Sec. 2 | <i>from passage</i> | 29-14 |
| Sec. 3 | <i>from passage</i> | 29-18a |

PS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

There is no fiscal impact resulting from the bill, which makes various technical changes to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection statutes.

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OLR Bill Analysis

HB 7333

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY.

SUMMARY

This bill makes technical changes to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection statutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 6 (03/19/2019)