AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

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 Section 29-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

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

Sec. 2. Section 29-14 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):
Said bureau shall, on the receipt of any such identification card, immediately cause the files to be examined and shall promptly return to the police department or peace officer submitting such identification card a true transcript of the record of previous crimes committed by the person described on each such identification card, and said bureau shall assist police and prosecuting officials in the preparation and distribution of circulars relative to fugitives when so requested. When an arrest is made by an officer of a police department or other peace officer who is not equipped with necessary paraphernalia or skilled in the art of taking fingerprints and proper descriptions of criminals, [he] such officer may call on the State Police Bureau of Identification or on the nearest state police station for assistance and any officer or officers so called shall render such assistance immediately.

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 Section 29-18a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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