

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL**No. 1706** Session of
2023

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
NOVEMBER 14, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
21 determined," in Office of State Inspector General, further
22 providing for definitions and for powers, purpose and duties.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. Section 501-A of the act of April 9, 1929
26 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is
27 amended by adding a definition to read:

28 Section 501-A. Definitions.

1 The following words and phrases when used in this article
2 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
3 context clearly indicates otherwise:

4 ~~"Enforcement officer." A person who meets all of the~~ <--
5 ~~following:~~

6 ~~(1) The term as defined under 71 Pa.C.S. § 5102~~
7 ~~(relating to definitions).~~

8 ~~(2) Is employed by the office.~~

9 ~~(3) Duties include supervisory personnel and the~~
10 ~~enforcement of section 506 A.~~

11 "ENFORCEMENT OFFICER." AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS ALL OF THE <--
12 FOLLOWING:

13 (1) IS AN INDIVIDUAL LISTED UNDER THE TERM AS DEFINED
14 UNDER 71 PA.C.S. § 5102 (RELATING TO DEFINITIONS).

15 (2) IS EMPLOYED BY THE OFFICE.

16 (3) WHOSE DUTIES INCLUDE THE ENFORCEMENT OR SUPERVISION
17 OF THE POWERS SPECIFIED UNDER SECTION 506-A.

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19 Section 2. Section 503-A(a) (5) of the act is amended to
20 read:

21 Section 503-A. Powers, purpose and duties.

22 (a) Powers.--The State Inspector General shall have the
23 power to:

24 * * *

25 (5) Select, appoint and employ individuals necessary for
26 carrying out the functions, powers and duties of the office.
27 The employees shall be employed in accordance with current
28 procedures of the Office of Administration and may be
29 assigned by the State Inspector General to a designated
30 executive agency. An enforcement officer shall have the power

1 to carry firearms, concealed or otherwise, in the performance
2 of the enforcement officer's official duties in accordance
3 with section 506-A, and subject to the written policies of
4 the State Inspector General. No enforcement officer shall
5 carry, possess or use a firearm in the performance of that
6 individual's official duties unless that individual holds a <--
7 current and valid certification in the use and handling of
8 firearms under 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating to
9 municipal police education and training) or other like THE <--
10 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED BASIC FIREARMS
11 TRAINING AND ANNUAL FIREARMS TRAINING OR OTHER SIMILAR
12 training as approved by the State Inspector General.

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14 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.