

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 44

BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK

PUBLIC SFTY/DEPARTMENT: Transfers the CCC police to state police

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:3(D), to enact R.S. 32:3(E) and R.S. 36:408(B)(4), and to
3 repeal R.S. 35:408 and R.S. 48:1101.1, relative to the Crescent City Connection
4 police; to provide for the transfer of the Crescent City Connection police from the
5 Department of Transportation and Development to the Department of Public Safety
6 and Corrections, public safety services; to provide for termination of the Crescent
7 City Connection police; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 32:3(D) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:3(E) is hereby
10 enacted to read as follows:

11 §3. Authority of Department of Public Safety and Corrections

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13 D.(1) The Crescent City Connection Bridge Police Force is hereby created
14 within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services. The
15 commissioner may appoint, fix salaries of, and pay bridge police in accordance with
16 the Department of State Civil Service regulations. The commissioner may make and
17 amend rules and regulations for the conduct, management, and control of such
18 police.

19 (2) Persons hired shall be at least eighteen years of age and of good
20 character. After January 1, 1981, all persons appointed as police officers under this

1 Subsection shall complete and graduate from a training program as approved and
2 accredited as provided for in the Peace Officer Standards and Training Law, R.S.
3 40:2401 et seq. Each police officer so appointed shall furnish bond in accordance
4 with law, in a sum to be fixed by the commissioner. Such bond shall be conditioned
5 on the faithful performance of the police officer's duties, and any person injured or
6 damaged by such police officer may sue upon said bond.

7 (3)(a) The Crescent City Connection Police Force shall have, under the
8 direction and control of the commissioner, the same powers to make arrests and the
9 power to execute and return all warrants and processes as sheriffs of the parishes of
10 Jefferson and St. Bernard and police officers of the city of New Orleans and the
11 cities of Gretna and Westwego in and upon the Mississippi River Bridge Authority's
12 property occupied by the Crescent City Connection, the Huey P. Long Bridge, the
13 Westbank Expressway, and the ferries and the public ways contiguous thereto. Such
14 police officers, under the same direction and control of the commissioner, shall have
15 all other powers of sheriffs of the parishes of Jefferson and St. Bernard and police
16 officers of the city of New Orleans and the cities of Gretna and Westwego as peace
17 officers, in all places and on all premises under the jurisdiction and control of the
18 Crescent City Connection, the Huey P. Long Bridge, the Westbank Expressway, and
19 the ferries and the public ways contiguous thereto; however, no member of the
20 Crescent City Connection Police Force shall be authorized to carry a weapon until
21 the member has received P.O.S.T. certification training and has been duly
22 commissioned as a peace officer by the deputy secretary of the Department of Public
23 Safety and Corrections, public safety services.

24 (b) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Subsection, the jurisdiction
25 of the Crescent City Connection Police Force on the Pontchartrain Expressway shall
26 not extend beyond the South Broad Street Overpass in the city of New Orleans and
27 the jurisdiction of the Crescent City Connection police on the Westbank Expressway
28 shall not extend beyond the western most convergence of the Westbank Expressway
29 and United States Highway 90; however, the jurisdiction of the Crescent City

1 Connection police on the westbank of the Mississippi River shall include the area
2 bounded on the north by General Meyer Avenue, on the south by the Magellan
3 Canal, on the west by Shirley Drive, and on the east by Pace Boulevard.

4 (c) The Crescent City Connection Police Force shall exercise concurrent
5 police jurisdiction with the sheriff of the parish of Jefferson and the police chiefs of
6 the cities of Gretna and Westwego under the provisions of this Subsection, unless the
7 sheriff of the parish of Jefferson and the police chiefs of the cities of Gretna and
8 Westwego give written notification that such concurrent police jurisdiction is
9 terminated by that law enforcement agency as to the exercise of concurrent
10 jurisdiction within its law enforcement jurisdiction.

11 (4) In an emergency situation, at the request of a sheriff, chief of police,
12 officer, chief executive officer of any of the above-named municipalities, or the
13 governing authority of any of the above-named parishes, the Crescent City
14 Connection Police Force shall have the above-conferred powers throughout the
15 geographic limits of such parish or city until such time as the requesting authority
16 has certified that the emergency is over. An emergency situation declared under the
17 provisions of this Paragraph shall not last more than ten days unless the extension
18 of the emergency situation is approved by a majority of the legislative delegation
19 representing Orleans, Jefferson, and St. Bernard parishes.

20 (5) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services,
21 shall be liable, in accordance with law, for all actions of its police officers
22 performing duties pursuant to this Subsection.

23 (6) No person appointed as a police officer pursuant to this Subsection shall
24 receive any state supplemental pay.

25 (7) Any persons arrested by police officers appointed under this Subsection
26 and the return of all warrants or processes served by said officers shall be
27 surrendered or delivered to the appropriate custodial authorities of the city of New
28 Orleans, the city of Gretna, the parish of Jefferson, or the parish of St. Bernard.
29 Provided, however, that nothing in this Subsection shall deprive the New Orleans

DIGEST

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Connick

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Abstract: Transfers the Crescent City Connection police from DOTD to DPS&C.

Present law provides for the creation and establishment of the Crescent City Connection police within DOTD, Crescent City Connection division.

Proposed law repeals present law and provides for the transfer of the Crescent City Connection police from DOTD to DPS&C, public safety services.

Present law provides that Crescent City Connection police may be appointed as ex officio notaries.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 32:3(D); Adds R.S. 32:3(E) and R.S. 36:408(B)(4); Repeals R.S. 35:408 and R.S. 48:1101.1)